

Guadalupe Ontiveros

Single Parent Scholarship

The most significant challenge that I've had to face through high school was my father passing which impacted my academic achievements. Through this time I missed some of the most important weeks of school which made it difficult for me to catch up with everyone else and turn in assignments that I wasn't familiar with. Growing up my family wasn't the wealthiest and having a brother with disabilities made it difficult for us to go out places because he would become frustrated. My father was our only source of income while my mom stayed at home making sure my three brothers and I all got to school. I however struggled to overcome this challenge but was able to slowly overcome yet my grades still continued to suffer. I was able to do the best of my ability to get them up as much as I could as well as be present at practice and have homework completed. I had to step up at home and be more present there and realized that my family now depended on me for help more than before which limited my time after school to ask for help from teachers. Through living this hard experience I realized that everything doesn't go as planned but you still have to continue going forward. I really learned how to take advantage of any small time and get as much work done as possible. Through helping at home, being at practice and games, and getting my work done to maintain my grades up, I learned that time is valuable. To overcome this challenge I would plan out any time I had available and manage my time to talk to teachers during lunch, take advantage of tutorials after school before practice to do my work so I could limit the work when I got home. My teachers, coaches and family all understood everything I was juggling with as I constantly communicate with them. Through this challenge I never missed a single practice/game, had all my assignments and essays turned in, and still managed to have a GPA higher than a 3.0. I'd consider this to be one of my greatest accomplishments as well as a main struggle throughout high school. I however plan on continuing my education despite not having much income and financial support because I know there is no greater tool in life than education.