My name is Maria and my preferred pronouns are they/them. I feel honored to be given the opportunity to be nominated for SHPE treasurer. I am a second year student currently working towards my bachelor’s degree in computer engineering. I am thankful that I found a home within the STEM community and SHPE. Today I am running for the position of treasurer to no only complete my duties but also continue to help build the same essence of family that drew me in. I will ensure that SHPE is always first when it comes to finances. The treasure’s responsibility is to represent SHPE in front not only ASI but also other chapters. As treasurer I will push for the monetary needs of our SHPE familia. Thank you to Jesus and Lazaro Lopez for answering any questions I had and offering more insight on the behind the scene responsibilities a SHPE treasurer must do. I also want to work with all of the officers to make sure returning and new members feel welcome. To be more specific, enforce a buddy system that will help new members transition into our familia easier and focus on more important goals. Once I was able to break the awkward stage of meeting new people within SHPE, I started to feel more comfortable and confident in asking for help. As a first generation latinx member stepping out of my comfort is something I come across all the time but that doesn’t make it any easier. Thank you once again for the opportunity to run for treasurer and being a member of the SHPE familia.