

HERO SCHOLAR

Student 9

Born in Nicaragua, Student 9 moved to the United States to reunite with her mom in Los Angeles during her middle school years after a lengthy separation. She was then moved to live with her brother and his partner in 9th grade. Her brother worked long hours and she was left to navigate high school on her own without much guidance nor English language skills. She fell behind in her credits and felt uncertain about speaking up in her classes. When she arrived at Mt Tallac as a senior this past August Student 9 was lacking confidence in herself as well as lacking credit and was not expecting to graduate this June on time with her peers. Through the relationships she created with her teachers at Mt Tallac Student 9 began to discover her true potential. Student 9 worked very hard at completing her high school credits and even completed a course at the local community college. She earned perfect attendance and was a model to other students. Through some uncertain moments with regard to her most basic need, her housing, Student 9 continued to persevere. She is never without her smile and is excited to pursue the field of dental hygiene once she graduates from high school.