



Daniela Marquez, a Fall 2018 Arizona GEAR UP scholar has successfully completed her freshman year at Arizona State University, Tempe as a Biomedical Sciences major with a minor in Community Health. From a very young age, Daniela has understood the concept and connection between hard work and success from her parents. Being raised in San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora she experienced her father crossing the border every morning for work. Although, her father had encountered different challenges she witnessed him move up the professional ladder in construction management due to his loyalty and work ethic.

Daniela is extremely grateful for Arizona GEAR UP for providing her with the support and resources in high school she needed in preparation for college. Due to her involvement with Arizona GEAR UP she was prepared to maximize her freshman year with the endless opportunities that Arizona State

University has to offer. As an Arizona GEAR UP alumna, she understands that not every student in Arizona has the opportunity and support that was provided to her during high school to prepare for college, which is why she wants to provide that support to others. Daniela works for Access ASU as a Campus Outreach Ambassador where she can share her story and her pride to future Sun Devils. Daniela immediately started volunteering at the Phoenix Children's Hospital shadowing Dr. Vazquez, a pediatrician specialist. During her time at the hospital she has learned how to help others as her goal is to become a doctor and help low-income and underserved communities. Over the summer she will serve as a Spanish Interpreter for New Student Orientation and a Camp Counselor for the Barrett Summer Scholars residential program for 8-10th graders. Daniela is excited to start her sophomore year, as she recently got accepted into ASU's Barrett Honors College.