

## 2025 Scholarship Recipients

It is with great pride and heartfelt gratitude that we share the names of this year's Mary E. Campos Scholarship recipients. These remarkable students have demonstrated resilience, leadership, and a commitment to their futures that inspires us all. Your generosity has helped open doors to higher education and brighter futures for each of them.



## **Jennifer Cardenas**

\$2,500

4 Years, Leader, | drēm | sēd | , Movimiento DSM, College Coaching, PAPAYA University of Iowa - Biochemistry

"Al Éxito has taught me that even if you're afraid or nervous to do something, you just have to go through with it, because every leader that has made a change has also felt afraid while fighting for change."



Yasli Montanez Alviso

\$2,500

4 Years, Leader, Movimiento Marshalltown, Al Éxito University Marshalltown Community College

"Al Éxito has given me the confidence to aspire for goals I once assumed unattainable and a community that reminds me I am never alone in life."



Osmar Castro

\$2,500

4 Years, Leader, Movimiento Marshalltown , Al Éxito University

University of Northern Iowa - Art Education

"I know that university will come with its unique challenges, but if there's one thing Al Éxito has shown me is that I don't have to face them alone."



**Evelyn Cruz** 

\$2,000

7 Years, Movimiento DSM, PAPAYA DMACC - Nursing

"...being at Al Éxito since the age of twelve has shaped me and empowered me to become a confident leader as I was a young girl who was shy, I never thought to call myself a leader but that's who I am now as I had guidance from other leaders in this program."



Aryanna Marquez Acevedo \$1,500

3 Years, Leader, Al Éxito Collegiate ISU

lowa State University - Animal Ecology, G.R.S.

"Al Éxito has been a nurturing entity that has allowed me to thrive while embarking on a journey of self-discovery and personal growth, allowing me to discover the missing link between my culture and aspirations."



Agustin Oropeza

\$1,500

10 Years, Leader, Al Éxito Collegiate ISU, |drēm|sēd|, Movimiento DSM, College Coaching, PAPAYA, Middle School Program Iowa State University - Industrial Design

"Participating in Al Éxito and |drēm|sēd| has taught me to recognize and combat these inequalities, not with blind rage, but with calculated ways that change the stigma around Latinx culture."



**Lizbet Diaz-Covarrubias** 

\$1,500

2 Years, Movimiento Marshalltown, Al Éxito University

Marshalltown Community College - Nursing
"[Al Éxito] has taught me to be more
responsible, punctual, competitive and most
importantly, I have managed to trust myself
and I can now express my feelings without so
much shame."



## William Leiva Mercado

\$1,500

10 Years, Al Éxito Collegiate ISU, Movimiento DSM, Middle School Program Iowa State University - M.I.S.

"Starting from 6th grade Al Éxito has been right there by my side I feel as if Al Exito has been right by my side the entire time even still."



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Mia Aguinaga \$1,000

4 Years, Movimiento Marshalltown , M.U.J.E.R.E.S.

Augustana College - Political Science, Music Performance

"Al Éxito has taught me the importance of perseverance, leadership, and service, all of which will guide me as I move forward in college and beyond."



Oscar Nazarit \$500

10 Years, Al Éxito Collegiate ISU, Movimiento DSM, Al Éxito University, PAPAYA lowa State University - Software Engineering "I met all of my closest friends who are still with me today through Al Éxito... They showed me that I was capable of more than I ever thought, and that is the most important thing you can give to a kid who has no idea where they're headed in life."



Tania Samayoa

\$500

5 Years, Movimiento Ottumwa, Middle School Program, Al Éxito University Mount Mercy University - Elementary Education "Al Éxito helped me experience the beauty of embracing my culture, not alone but with others."



Rubi Buenrostro Tejeda

\$1,000

5 Years, Movimiento Marshalltown , Al Éxito University, College Coaching Marshalltown Community College - Nursing "Overall, Al Éxito has impacted my life by instilling a sense of confidence and a commitment to giving back to my community."



Naily Alvarenga

\$500

3-7 Years, Movimiento Ottumwa, Middle School Program Bellevue University - Psychology

"Success was possible, and we attributed much of our growth to Al Éxito, which instilled in us the resilience to overcome barriers and achieve our dreams."



Lizbet Asitimbay Gomez

\$500

2 Years, Al Éxito Collegiate lowa State University - M.I.S.

"The impact Al Éxito created for me was immediate. I felt included in something for once; I didn't feel like an outsider."



Wualfret Morales

\$250

3-7 Years, Movimiento Ottumwa Evangel University - Physical Education

"Al Exito taught me that I should always give my best, even if it's not always enough, and to keep trying."



Briana Medina

\$250

2 Years, Movimiento Belmond North Iowa Area Community College \*

"Al Éxito represents, an empowerment of the Latino community."

On behalf of Mary E Campos Scholarship Recipients, we would like to thank you so much for supporting Al Éxito scholars' college dreams. Mil Gracias!

