

ANGELICA BEDON

Quito/

How many siblings do you have?

I have two siblings (Karen and Jefferson)

Do you have any pets?

I have four pets. I have a cat named "Stuart" and three dogs; their names are Nena, Gordo, and Negra.

What are your favorite pastimes or hobbies?

Dancing, reading, listening to loud music, and drawing.

Are you working? What type of work are you doing?

Currently, I'm working in a family business that consists in the manufacturing and sales of bed frames, sheets, blankets, mattresses, pillows, etc. I work managing the business and also cooperate in manufacturing and sales.

Studies

Academic program: Child Psychology and Psycho-rehabilitation

School name: Central University of Ecuador

Graduation date: 2022

What work will you pursue with your program?

I would like to enter to work in the public sector in the health centers of rural communities.

The Foundation

I met Mike and Margarita in 2009. Margarita was my health teacher and the next year Mike was my math teacher, along with Ruben. Margarita's classes were interesting, and she explained topics that other teachers didn't tell us about, such as body care and cleanliness.

In 2010, when I was in 8th grade, Mike was my math teacher, and we got along a little better when we solved logic exercises in a weekly edition of a newspaper magazine. I always think that there must have been something special about me for Mike and Margarita to have paid attention to me. At that time, I was very good at math, so Mike and Ruben divided my hours between regular classes with the group and logic classes with Mike and two other girls. I graduated from CMT and Mike and Margarita were always worried that I would not continue with my education since my parents did not have the economic resources to ensure my professional training. I studied in high school, supporting myself with part-time jobs, and by the year 2016, when I finished high school, Mike and Margarita returned to Ecuador and invited me to be part of DEOF.

DEOF has supported me with economic expenses corresponding to my university education. First, the payment of a pre-university course to increase my chances of entering the public university... purchasing books and materials for the University, covering the cost of food and transportation during classes, pay for the cost of orthodontics and third molar extraction surgery and of course, internet at home.

My memorable moment while working with the foundation was the day Mike and Margarita introduced me to the group, because of the way they introduced me, they made me feel special. I also met other people who were also special to them and I felt part of something very special. Now I feel blessed to be in this group.

For me, DEOF represents the opportunity to be better at helping more people within my reach. Without DEOF, I probably would not have studied in college, and I would have been part of a group of young people without preparation, but with a great desire to take on the world. DEOF represents the opportunity to fulfill dreams and show the world that it is possible. DEOF also represents evolution, the obvious demonstration that we can do something magnificent through pain, which in this case was produced by the disappearance of David.

COVID Disruption

Concerning COVID-19, thank God this virus hasn't infected us, despite the work and the trips for materials and food. We live with my grandparents, so the fear is even greater. However, we are confident that this will pass and we will continue studying and working as before. It is also interesting to mention that this pandemic has allowed us to spend more time together as a family and to start some projects that are now the basis of our family economy.