

MISHELL TRUJILLO

Quito

How many siblings do you have?

We are three siblings; I am the oldest sister at 24 years old, then comes my sister Paola at 22, and finally my brother Jhon at 20.

Do you have any pets?

Yes, I have a kitten. Her name is Sasa, we adopted her. I found her in the street near the dumpsters at my house. She was tiny when I rescued her.

What are your favorite pastimes or hobbies?

I enjoy reading very much. My books of interest are those that present scientific studies and also suspense stories. I also like to listen to music while I am doing some activity. I like pop music mainly in English.

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

Yes, currently I am working in an optical shop, this job is related to my career, which specializes in visual health care. I also work in the sales area giving advice on lenses and frames suitable for each patient.



Studies

Academic program: Optometry

School: Cordillera Institute of Technology.

Graduation: To be confirmed

What work will you pursue with your program?

I aspire to be the owner of my optician's shop, providing specialized services in visual health, such as eye exams, glasses and frames, and vision therapy.

The Foundation

I met Mike when I entered to study at the CMT. Both Mike and Professor Ruben Altamirano were my math teachers. I liked the games that Mike did in his classes, mainly the logic games before the end of the class. I learned a lot with Mike in his classes and I was sad every time he traveled back to the US, but he always tried to leave me books or a magazine to train my mind.

As time went by, I got to know Mike better and he lent me some books on philosophy to read. Later, I met Margarita and at first sight, it was like meeting the sweetest person I had ever seen before. As we got to know each other they got to know my mom and that's when they proposed to her to help me finish my university studies. DEOF has supported me mainly with the financing of my university studies, room, and board, as well as psychological and moral support. They always give me that push to continue preparing myself and to be a good professional.

For me, DEOF means "family" because despite the difficulties they will always support you and the union that exists is unique. It is a great honor to belong to this great family that doesn't look at the differences that exist between us. It also means "knowledge" because it gives you all the tools to keep learning and be better every day, both personally and professionally.

COVID Disruptions

My experience with COVID-19 was complicated because first my mom and my brother got infected, because of the irresponsibility of other people. I was anxious because of all that has been heard and the complications about this disease. Thank God my mom and my brother recovered. There were no serious after-effects; today they are well and working as they like. Sometime later I got sick, my roommate infected me; I had a fever for almost a week and thanks to medication and medical treatment I could overcome the virus without complications. While I was sick it was scary not to feel the smells and even now sometimes I do not perceive some smells at all, and some things also do not have the same taste as before. But the important thing is that I am well and I try to take care of myself as much as I can to avoid reinfection.