

## RICHARD MACAS

### **How many siblings do you have?**

I have six siblings.

### **Do you have any pets?**

I have a pet named "Preciosa".

### **What are your favorite pastimes or hobbies?**

Learning new things and spending time with my family.

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

Yes, my work comprises the development of IT solutions focused on the web.

### **Studies**

**Academic program:** Graduated in Systems Engineering

**School:** Salesian Polytechnic University

**Graduation:** February, 2021

### **What work will you pursue with your program?**

Create a business related to my career

### **The Foundation**

I met Margarita and Mike at school: CMT, around 2004 - 2005; Margarita was my teacher in health classes. She would teach us songs in the park with her guitar - it was a lot of fun! In high school in tenth grade at the same institution in 2007 - 2008, that's when I met Mike. He was my math teacher. He was an excellent teacher who had a different way of teaching than the other teachers at that time. I remember that, frequently, he would send me to the blackboard to solve algebra exercises in my mind. Some exercises were complicated and others were very easy at that time.

Months after finishing high school, around 2011 - 2012, my mother, who worked at the CMT, told me that Mike and Margarita wanted to talk to me. At that time, I did not talk to them. After about six months again my mother told me the same thing, but this time I went to talk with them. - I didn't know what the reason was. - At the meeting, Mike and Margarita said that they wanted to help me with my college studies and that I didn't have to worry about my expenses or having to work because they were going to cover everything and they did: in the complete expenses of the university, including all the material that I used. Also, they supported me with personal monthly expenses.

I think one moment was when, despite having failed at a university and flunking some subjects, Mike and Margarita gave me a second chance. They gave me a second and even a third chance. DEOF is an organization that is interested in the welfare of students and supports them, down to the smallest detail. I can consider DEOF as a second family that is always growing.

### **COVID Disruption**

During the total time of the pandemic until now, I was lucky enough to work from home, which allowed me to spend time with my family, learn new things, and improve as a person. On the other hand, in my family, COVID infected a brother, but thank God everything passed and now he is fine.



