

My name is Marlene Ponce and I am the youngest of three. I am the youngest sister that it willing and have the desire to make a change. I do not take for granted what God has given me because that can be gone instantly. But rather, I live everyday working towards a future goal. As a teenager many of us have accomplished so much in our early age but yet this is just the beginning of a bright future ahead of us. I have many goals and ambitions that I would like to accomplish if it is God's will. First of all, I will like to be a law graduate and help those in need. I want to be a transformation leader like once Michelle Obama stated: "With an education, you have everything you need to rise above all the noise and fulfill every last one of your dreams." A second goal, is to be teacher and train young children to learn how to swim in my community. I would like to give back to my community what I have received over the years.

Kidsinger's has helped me work towards my goals by assisting me in staying focus, determined and persistent in my own personal goals. For example, being a Junior in high school, taking three Advanced Placement classes, being in the varsity swim team since freshman year, attending an outside league club, Kidsinger' s and doing community hours has not been easy but yet all of my activities have structured my life around my end goal. In Kidsinger' s I have the opportunity to meet others and motivate each other to be someone in life but most importantly be a person of change in our society.

One of the reasons as to why I am pursuing a college degree is because my father is illiterate. He brought my family to this country in search of the "American Dream" and I cannot fail him. Secondly, my siblings have college degrees and I will not be the

exception. Thirdly, I am only following my heart and working towards my own personal goal. With that being said, I have my family's support, Kindsinger's my personal desire, motivation, perseveration and dream of becoming a lawyer!