

Upward Bound Empowerment



Jasmine Garcia

Jasmine Garcia is a junior at East High School and a participant in the new TRIO Upward Bound Empowerment Program at WSU. She joined Upward Bound Empowerment because she wants to be successful in college. Jasmine hopes to acquire effective study skills and test preparation to excel in high school and the tools and experience she needs for college.

Jasmine has a passion for photography and likes to be creative. She aspires to own a photography business one day and to have this business grow in California. Her main goal right now is actively pursuing each and every day as a member of Upward Bound Empowerment. Jasmine wants to graduate high school and go to college for herself but also for others. Once she graduates college, she wants to be able to give back to her family and help them as much as they have helped her. Jasmine is a hard-working student which shows each time she comes to weekly tutoring. She is determined to be the best student she can be.

Jasmine is the middle child of five siblings. Family is a very important aspect in her life. She sees her brother as the biggest influence on her life. He went to college, was successful and found a good job after graduation. Jasmine wants to have the same experience and success.

After being involved with Upward Bound Empowerment for several months, Jasmine has grown by making new connections and being able to step outside her comfort zone. She is able to be herself more often than she used to be. When it comes to classes and grades, Jasmine has taken full advantage of the services offered. This has helped her a lot since she started the program. Jasmine has also noticed herself becoming more engaged in everything that Upward Bound Empowerment has to offer.