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The Educational Opportunity Program at Pomona High School has exposed me to the field of Child Development and has opened my eyes to the reality of me being able to pursue a college education. I know now that after High School is over I can attend college and will be able to care for my daughter. I can have a career and be able to fulfill my dreams of being able to work with special needs children and being able to give back to the community that has both challenged and enriched my life. One of the challenges that I have faced are such as at the end of my junior year, I gave birth to my daughter; the Child Development class was very insightful parenting skills that has helped me out through the junior year and senior year.

I have participated in sports activities, and volunteer services at Pomona High School in the Campus Beautification Program run by Mr. Bornshauer. We meet every last Saturday of the month to clean up Pomona High, some of the projects we worked on were; painting the weight room, repair tables and broken desks, refurbish various pieces of furniture across campus and painted the class room doors. In addition I have had work experience in various locations such as the L.A. County Fair, Smart & Final, and Robek's Juices. This has helped me in many areas such as communicating with others and customer services.

My goals are to become independent and full fill my education through college. I would like to get a degree in business. So my daughter Julissa could look up to me as a mother, a friend, and role model. I would like to make my daughter's future better as a single parent and be there no matter what in her ups and downs. I would like for her to go to school and finish high school with honors something I wasn't able to accomplish. I want her to go to a four year college with a full scholarships, and I want her to be successful in life.

After graduation, I plan to attend California Polytechnic State University, Pomona. I plan to pursue a bachelors degree in Business and then a Masters degree in Social Work with a career goal of working with special need children. I have experienced the Special Education program first hand and strongly believe that the system is in desperate need of adjustment. It was not until entering the EOP program that I really began to receive the assistance I really needed and I will be forever grateful for the support.