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I remember that since I was little I used to see my mother give elementary classes. Sometimes she would take me to her work, and I always liked to go with her to play with her students and play as a teacher. When I was nineteen years old, I emigrated to this country with many dreams and one of them was to be able to raise enough money to return to my country and continue my studies at the University. In 2016, I enrolled in Monterey Peninsula College and started taking an ESL class, at the end of the required classes I was able to enroll as a regular student and decided that I wanted to study to be an elementary teacher, so I started taking an Early childhood class Education. In my second semester, I took Spanish classes and I liked them so much because I felt identified with the language since my first language is Spanish. Likewise, writing, reading, and speaking in Spanish were something I enjoyed every time I was in class. Seeing my Spanish teachers inspired me, and I realized that I wanted to be like them. In each Spanish class, I identified with each topic we learned. I remember talking to my Spanish teacher and asking her what I could do to be a teacher, and she explained what I had to do. I had the opportunity to have excellent teachers and a counselor who was able to help me and motivate me to continue studying. Consequently, I was able to finish my Spanish AA-T and transfer to CSUMB.

This is my first semester at CSUMB, and so far I am happy with everything I have learned in my Spanish classes. Learning about Hispanic American literature is very interesting. I have learned a little about the history and politics of some countries, which further expands my

knowledge. It has also been interesting to meet different authors who have influenced Latin American literature and have made changes to give opportunities to new generations. There is no doubt that my vocabulary and writing have improved tremendously. Without a doubt, all the knowledge that I am learning is useful, and this prepares me to be able to finish my studies successfully.

My goal is to be able to be a Spanish teacher and to be able to teach in community colleges and universities. My goal is to complete my bachelors degree in Spanish Language and Hispanic Culture and then transfer to San Jose State University and get my Master of Arts degree in Spanish. I'm still not sure what specialty I want to teach, but I know I'll find out soon. Now that I look at my teachers I am learning more about my language, and I am enriching my intellectual knowledge. I am proud of my language and culture.