

G-UNITY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



VERONICA BAIRES

“For me, the G-UNITY scholarship means that I need to step up to the challenge. I’m the first in my family to go to college and now I know it’s not impossible. Becoming a nurse will help me to become a useful member of the community.”

Born in El Salvador, Veronica Baires came to the United States when she was fourteen years old. She understood that America was a great opportunity for her.

Always the one to pick up a sick animal or bandage a bruised knee, Veronica soon realized that she was interested in taking care of people. At Hillcrest High School she excelled in her science courses, and one of her teachers commented that she treats her education “as a gift” – something quite refreshing for any public high school teacher to experience today!

Opportunity knocked once again when Veronica qualified for the G-UNITY Scholarship at Queensborough. The value of being bilingual and being able to function in a hospital, became very real to her when she assisted her Mom, who doesn’t speak English, during an emergency hospital visit.

“Nursing is the perfect fit for me. The nursing program at Queensborough was recommended, but not qualifying for financial aid, I never thought that college was possible,” Baires said. “Then the G-UNITY Scholarship changed all that. I never give up and this scholarship has helped me on the way to my dream.”

Once Veronica completes her studies at Queensborough, she wants to continue for her Bachelor of Science in nursing at Hunter College.