



**December 2020  
Alumni Spotlight**

# Rebecca Uribe

KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL  
CLASS OF 2016  
OUR LADY OF THE LAKE UNIVERSITY  
CLASS OF 2019  
ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY  
CLASS OF 2020

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Rebecca Uribe is a graduate of Kennedy HS, and a recipient of the San Antonio Education Partnership Scholarship.

During high school Rebecca was heavily involved in the National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, and the Spanish National Honor Society all while volunteering and maintaining good academic standing. Even during her senior year, when she experienced some personal hardships, she relied on her family to help keep her focused on her studies and her counselors to help her navigate the college process.

Her persistence paid off: She graduated 3rd in her class, and chose to attend Our Lady of the Lake University. She stayed focused on her studies throughout college, and graduated early with her Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. Now she is in the Master of Jurisprudence program studying International Law at St. Mary's, and will be graduating in December 2020.

She was introduced to SAEP by her high school counselor, who told her about the scholarship and encouraged her to apply. Rebecca says that the SAEP Scholarship helped not only to pay for her first year of college, but also to graduate early. "Without it, I don't think I would have been able to attend." Her two siblings graduated from Lanier in 2020, and she also encouraged them to apply for the SAEP Scholarship.

When asked what words she would give to students who are looking at starting the college journey, she said, "There's always a way to pay for college, you just have to be dedicated 100%. Students have to have that passion in themselves to reach their dreams. You always have to ask, because the help is there."

During college, Rebecca says that she had a mentor who would call every few months to check on her, to make sure that she was doing okay and that she would be able to finish strong. She also had professors who helped her get involved in mock trials, and discern what she wanted to do in her future. The support of these mentors and of her family have inspired her to give back to others.

Rebecca hopes to work for Homeland Security against Human Trafficking. She plans to one day start a scholarship fund of her own to give back to students, because she knows the impact that can have on paying for college, and pursuing post-secondary education. She reminds students, "Anything is possible, as long as you stay motivated."

SAEP would like to recognize Rebecca for her graduation this year from St. Mary's University. Congratulations on your hard work and determination to follow your goals!



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