



Creating endless possibilities through education

*University of Toledo freshman Jannet Frias, enrolled in the **Tutor Corps Program** as a sophomore at Immokalee High School, set her sights on a college education and never looked back. Raised in Immokalee with her three siblings by loving parents who began life in America as farmworkers, Jannet realized during her junior year in Tutor Corps that she wanted to work with children. Today she is following her dream of becoming a teacher and is a Herb Scholar at the Judith Herb College of Education.*

I am having an amazing experience at University of Toledo. Everyone here welcomes the school's diversity, which is important to me and helps me feel right at home. So far, highlights include the many things there to get involved with on campus, making connections with people, and the small size of most of my classes. The professors are amazing, and I have even met the President a few times!

The amount of "free time" I have surprised me, but somehow I am busy 24/7. I am president of the South American and Hispanic Students' Association (SAHSA), so I help plan major events and weekly meetings with the executive board members. Through this group, we all get to share our various cultures with our classmates. Helping run this organization has helped me improve my leadership skills and I am meeting other campus leaders. I am also part of the Honors community, and often take part in events hosted just for honors students. Occasionally, I get so busy that I even forget to call home, which I was not expecting!

My advice to Tutor Corps students is step out of your comfort zone and follow the path that is right for you! I never pictured myself attending an out of state college, because I always wanted to be close to my family, and they preferred I somewhere close like FSW or FGCU. However, once they realized the opportunities offered to me at the University of Toledo, they understood that I was going to decide for myself. The moment I set foot on the UT campus, I knew that this was the place for me. When you find a college that makes you feel like you are at home, then you know you have made the right choice. You will be homesick at first, but time in college goes by in the blink of an eye. I urge you to take advantage of all the opportunities offered to you.

Finally, if you have the opportunity to start college in the summer, take it! I took part in a multicultural summer program one month after graduating high school, and have no regrets. Through this program, I built close relationships with the Dean of my college, my success coach, my professors, and many other important university staff members. If it were not for this program, I would have been lost on my first day of college. This program also helped me get a head start and earn six credits, and by the end of the program, I had a 4.0 GPA.

Oh, and most importantly, get involved on campus!

I am very thankful to everyone at the Guadalupe Center who helped me be part of this University. I am proud to be representing the Guadalupe Center and the University of Toledo and to be part of the Rocket family!

The Herb Scholars Program is valued at full-time, in-state undergraduate tuition and general fees (up to 18 hours per semester), room and board for up to eight semesters of undergraduate enrollment. The scholarship is renewable, subject to scholarship policies and requirements and continued progress in an education major. The projected value of this scholarship is \$82,000.