



This holiday season invest in students like MaryLiza



The day I met Lee Ann, I was moments from taking a break from school. You see I had to pay tuition out of pocket. In order to go to school full time, I had to work full time. All I wanted was one day to study, but missing one day of work meant me not being able to pay tuition. Driving from Universal Studios, which is where I was working, to Carson at 2:30 pm. If you know LA then you know traffic is nothing to play with, so I would be sitting in my car for an hour and half to make it to school and pray that I made it in time for my 4 pm class.

Being the second youngest of 3 brothers and 2 sisters, I'm the first person in my family to go to college, so I didn't have real guidance on what was the best way to maximize my unlocked potential. Now I'm applying for my Master's in Cyber Security. Because of people like you, your mentorship, the job opportunities and financial support, I will not only be making my dreams come true, but I'll be working to make y'all lives safer.

Without STEM Advantage I wouldn't be here, and this field needs me because not only do I look different from others who do this, I think differently and without diversity of thought we can't solve the security problems for tomorrow.

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100% of your gift funds scholarships to help students graduate with less debt

Thank you for considering STEM Advantage in your year-end giving. With your support, we "level the playing field" for women and underserved communities. We give often overlooked - and yet, remarkable and talented - students a platform with paid internships to increase their confidence and experience, mentors as the majority are first-generation, low-income students, and scholarships to graduate with less debt. STEM Advantage Scholars "pay it forward" as role models, mentors, and inspiration for young girls and boys. *If they can see it, they can be it!*

We offer our program to STEM students at Cal State Dominguez Hills, Cal State LA, Cal State Long Beach, Cal State Northridge, Cal State Fullerton, and Cal Poly Pomona. The California State University (CSU) is the largest and most diverse four-year university system in the nation. Our strategic goal "23 by 2023" is to scale our program to all 23 CSU campuses by 2023. To help us diversify the talent pipeline, contact leeann@stemadvantage.org

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