

From: [REDACTED]

To: The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE)

Position: Freshmen Representative

“Yo no me preocupo, yo me ocupo” were the words my father said to me a couple years ago when my mother fell into illness and I was worried about all the pressure he was dealing with. They roughly translate to *I don't worry about it, I take care of it*. This is the greatest thing I ever learnt from him. What is the point of getting worried? There is no point to it. One must simply be decisive and act when it is necessary. This is how I lived and took care of my life for all these years.

For all those years I worked on a dream but I quickly realized I was at a disadvantage to achieve it. As such I worked to level the playing field. I started creating clubs, mentoring kids and helping my school make a name for itself through competitions. I managed to create opportunities for myself where there seemed to be none but most importantly to let the next generation after me have the infrastructure to succeed that I was not lucky enough to have while in their place.

This is the reason I want to be the freshman representative. I feel like I am able to identify what people need and act without hesitation when it counts. I feel as if I have the strength to push my fellow members to be the best they can so together we can create a better environment so that students for years to come have the tools to succeed. But most importantly, I am committed to representing the strength of my culture so that the world can see what all of us are capable as students and soon-to-be professionals.