

I have previously received a few academic scholarships, including the Tosh Nomura Memorial scholarship for honor students, the Bright mother scholarship, and the Live-In your Dream scholarship. However, I was incredibly honored to be awarded the SIM San Diego scholarship. Of course, this scholarship helps me financially to stay focused on my education. More than that, it inspires me to continue working hard knowing that professional and successful people like you believe in me. This recognition showed me that hard work does indeed pay off in the long run. Receiving this scholarship tells me that I can become a future leader and be among people who can make a difference in others' lives while becoming successful. I understand this responsibility and plan one day that I can pass along this same impact to others.

As an immigrant and single mother, I have gone through many daunting challenges, and there were days when I have been exhausted and disappointed. However, I never allowed myself to give up on those bright goals for my children and me. Sometimes, when I was feeling down, I asked myself if I can laugh from the bottom of my heart. Today I feel this deep joy and happiness when I look at my boys and our little family.

I have always worked part-time jobs while attending college and have developed many useful softs skills. With this degree and academic knowledge, I can find a satisfying job to work as a professional in the Business and Management Information fields. I am pursuing a career in health care or education to utilize my experience and knowledge in a way that has a positive impact on society.

I will graduate in May 2021, and my educational goal in the future is getting a master's degree in Cybersecurity management or MIS. Short term I am focused on finding a full-time job to provide a more comfortable life for my family. I discovered that learning is the most satisfying feeling I ever had, so I will never gave up on learning more.

Once again, I want to express my deep appreciation to the Society of a Management Information System that provides these wonderful opportunities. I am very thankful for the people who spent time and interviewed me and for all kind and heart-warming words shared with me. It was a great honor for me to have a chance to meet them.

Sincerely,

Azita Khatami