

I'm Proof Your Support Changes Lives

Dear Alumni and Friends,

I was born in Bogotá, Colombia. When I was 4, my mom, sister, and I left the country to escape domestic abuse and financial instability. I worked hard to take advantage of opportunities in the United States by graduating from college and completing a master's degree. I now operate a small, women-owned certified public accounting firm full time.

I fell in love with law when I took my first business law class at 20 years old. I have enjoyed a great career as a CPA; however, my work constantly reminds me that I cannot fully represent taxpayers in court without a law degree. At 48, after encouraging coworkers to pursue their dreams, I finally gained the confidence to pursue my final dream of going to law school.

As you can imagine, the decision to attend law school was not easy for me. As a 2L evening student, my plate is full balancing studies with fulfilling the obligations of my job, parenting my two teenage sons, and meeting financial obligations.

When I received a scholarship earlier this year, I was so grateful for the financial relief. Being able to attend John Marshall with scholarship support has made me realize that I want to use my legal education to help others in need, and I have already begun to do just that.

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I am participating in the Domestic Violence Clinic this semester, assisting clients with immigration law, family law, and tax law issues. I am able to give back to my community and help others who, like me, have survived domestic violence. Next semester, I plan to participate in another clinic. Without scholarship support, it would have been too costly for me to participate in additional clinics.



My motto is: **“Pay it forward.”** When you give to someone with financial need, that person will pay it forward and help another in need. I feel that I am paying it forward now at the Domestic Violence Clinic, and I plan to continue that tradition and do even more once I graduate.

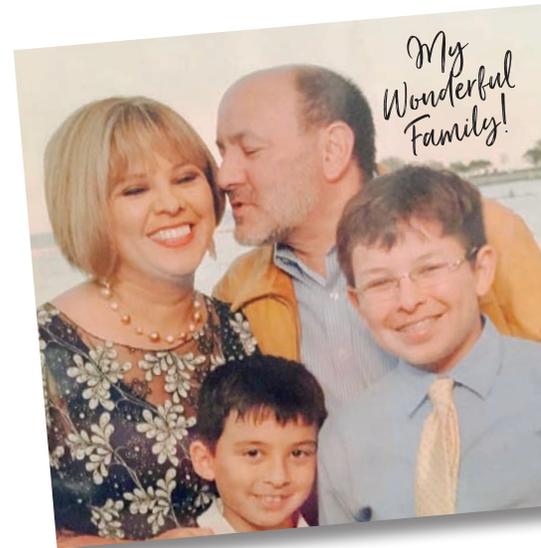
I hope you see what an impact you can make in the lives of John Marshall students by giving to scholarships this year. Your generosity goes a long way in helping students pursue their dreams—it makes a difference. I am certainly thankful for those who gave to make my scholarship possible.

To give to scholarships, please use the enclosed envelope or visit <https://give.jmls.edu>, select Scholarships & Awards under Option 2, then *Spirit of John Marshall Endowed Scholarship Fund*.

With gratitude,



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Happy Holidays!



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