



Micaela Ramirez

Micaela Ramirez was born and raised on the north side of Wichita, KS. Micaela is the daughter of a single mother and has six siblings. Her childhood goal and promise to her mother was to be the first college graduate in the family. After graduating from Wichita North High School, she went to Wichita Technical Institute, where she became a registered medical assistant. She was in the health field for ten years before pursuing a bachelor's degree. The childhood promise she made her mother all those years ago was realized in 2016 when she graduated from Tabor College with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with an emphasis on Entrepreneurship—becoming the first in her family to receive a college degree.

Micaela is passionate about the mission of KHEDF and is honored to be a part of an organization that helps Hispanic youth pursue higher education. She knows firsthand many of the challenges these young people face, as a single mother raised her and her siblings in poverty, she was a teen mom, and a first-generation college student. Micaela knows the overwhelming desire to attend college, to make your family proud, and to make what seems like an impossible dream possible. She believes that KHEDF shows the younger generation that no dream is too big and that KHEDF is there to walk alongside them as they strive for and achieve their dreams.

If she could impart wisdom to the current students of KHEDF, she would tell them, "Life hands us obstacles, but with hard work, perseverance, and great support, no goal is unattainable. On the days you feel defeated, remember *why* you started and focus on the finish line."

Micaela's number one passion and motivation is her family. Micaela and her partner, Jose, have three children Jose, Arrelia, and Hugo, and a family dog, Luz. Her family's hobbies include cars, boxing, volunteering for Passageways Ltd, Sunday dinners with extended family, and (thanks to COVID) lazy days with Netflix.