La Celebración Latina
CLASS OF 2021
Bienvenidos,
It is with great enthusiasm that we acknowledge the 22nd annual Celebración de Latina student graduates.

On April 28, 2000, the University of Michigan launched its inaugural Celebración de Latina to recognize the significant contributions that graduating LatinX students have made to the University of Michigan. Over the past 22 years of this celebration, many things have evolved across our campus.

However, the commitments of LatinX students, faculty, staff, and community have remained constant.

Today, we celebrate the class of 2021 for all of their achievements and accomplishments. I am excited about the opportunities that await them. I am confident that they have all the skills, talent, drive, and commitment necessary to overcome whatever obstacles they may face and to make a real difference in the world. They have endured one of the most challenging times in memory both at the University and the broader society. Nonetheless, they have not just endured. They have overcome.

Make no mistake, the Class of 2021 has made a difference during their time here. We are a better university for having them as students. The University of Michigan will always be their home, and they will always be welcome.

I am honored to celebrate the achievements of these graduating LatinX students and recognize the community that has supported them throughout their journey. Please join me in congratulating the class of 2021 and their families for their outstanding accomplishments.

Vamos Azul!

Sincerely,

Robert M. Sellers
Vice Provost for Equity and Inclusion
Chief Diversity Officer
Martino Harmon
VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT LIFE

Wolverines, congratulations on your graduation!

Wolverines, you never cease to amaze. You spent the past year striving for academic excellence in the middle of a pandemic that put life as we know it into lockdown — and you still came out of it with your head held high and a shiny new degree from the University of Michigan. That takes courage. That takes commitment. That takes the kind of grit and self-love and respect that will serve you well for the rest of your lives.

To be a Michigan graduate is not just to join the community of over 500,000 Michigan alumni spread around the globe — 500,000 friends who are ready to help welcome you into your next chapter. It is also to embrace the idea that the knowledge and experiences you have earned here are a gift to be used. Your talents, dreams, and aspirations, along with the book-learning and real world practicums that you have seized all along here on campus, are not meant to be hoarded, but shared.

Go out and do great things with what you have learned. Do them well, with integrity and joy in the honest work of it. Carry with you the sense of self-assurance that even a pandemic could not stop you from chasing your dreams. You have overcome sleepless nights of studying for finals, the sweaty-palms feeling of just before a thesis defense, and so many other challenges, big and small. Whatever the next chapter of your story brings, I know you can handle it, and make us still here in Ann Arbor so very proud.

In fact, we are already proud. Your friends, family, and classmates could not be prouder of your achievements. But I hope you know that the most important opinion in all of this is how you see yourself. Wolverines, be proud of yourselves. Recognize and celebrate you for all you have done. Have there been times of self-doubt and struggle for you? I am sure there have. After all, that is what it means to be human.

You are not alone. I have those moments, too — and I am the vice president for Student Life at "the greatest university in the world!" as the voice for Darth Vader (James Earl Jones) put it. Every single other Michigan alum has been through this before you, and as you cross this finish line and set your eyes on a new horizon, remember that they are excited for you to join them, and we the staff and faculty at the University of Michigan will always be here to support you, wherever you go.

And, wherever you go — Go Blue!

Congratulations again, Wolverines. We are so proud of you.

Martino Harmon
Martino Harmon, Ph.D.
Vice President for Student Life
To the Class of 2021,

¡Felicidades! Your wonderful work at the University of Michigan is done. Through these years, you have endured setbacks from which you resolved to learn. You enjoyed triumphs that strengthened your path to success. What’s more, you reached this milestone during an incredibly difficult year. And while we cannot celebrate in person, the University of Michigan Latinx Alumni Board of Directors congratulates you for every moment of resilience and brilliance you showed on your way to today.

We know our Michigan Latinx family draws its strength from those who help on our paths — those whose shoulders we stand on. Congratulations, too, to all the padres, abuelos, parientes, and faculty and staff members who stand by the class of 2021. Your love and devotion help us shine brighter.

Graduates, you now join an alumni group that’s more than 630,000 strong— the largest of any traditional university. That number’s a little daunting to think about, so here’s this: the University of Michigan Latinx Alumni group is another branch of the familia you can count on. We’re here to give you support and link you to peers, mentors and new opportunities. Once it’s safe, we’ll also invite you back to campus to celebrate our school with our annual football tailgate.

We’re so happy to welcome you to this next stage. Please like us on Facebook (UMLatinoAlumni) and follow us on Instagram (@UMLatinoAlumni) to learn more about us — and help us learn more about you! We look forward to seeing the new energy you’ll bring to our alumni community and the great things you’ll achieve in the years to come.

¡Vamos Azul!

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Jose Miguel Aviles-Elrod
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Giovanna Bautista Rodriguez
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Aaron Berry
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; Economics; English Language and Literature

Mariana Boully Perez
Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy; Public Policy

“Class of 2021 is full of strength and resilience! We got so much taken from us, but we still celebrate. We should be so proud of ourselves!”

Caiser Bravo
College of Engineering; Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences
Undergraduates

Sophia Calabretta
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; Economics
“Regardless of the hardships we have faced over the past year (and in the greater context of life), we made it! I am so happy to share the virtual stage with my powerful, intelligent hermanos y hermanas. Congratulations class of 2021!”

Nicole Carrieri
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; International Studies; Spanish

Vanessa González
Stephen M. Ross School of Business; Business Administration

Nicolás Gutiérrez Riera
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; Environment, Conservation Ecology specialization

Isabelle Hasslund
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, School of Music, Theatre & Dance; Ecology and Evolutionary Biology; Music
Undergraduates

Nancy Hernandez
College of Engineering; Electrical Engineering

“To my fellow graduates, thank you so much for these past few years. I am so proud of us and everything we have accomplished. Best of luck and forever GO BLUE!”

Melissa Hernandez
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; Political Science; Law, Justice, and Social Change (minor)

Sara Jaime
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; Biochemistry

Lucía López
Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy; Public Policy; Economics (minor)

Daniela Lugo
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; Communication and Media; Entrepreneurship (minor); Art & Design (minor)

“I want all of you to take a moment to feel proud of yourselves for all that you have accomplished during your time at the University whether you feel like it was enough or not (it was enough by the way).”
Undergraduates

Mariel Manzor
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; Biology, Health, and Society; Gender and Health

Angela Martínez-Chávez
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; English; Spanish

Jennifer Moreno
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; Biology, Health, and Society; Evolutionary Anthropology

Amy Muñoz
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; Economics; Latin American & Caribbean Studies, Human Rights Track

Luz Navarro García
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; Cognitive Science; Asian Studies

"If you enjoy something, don’t give up on it no matter how long it takes. All your hard work and sacrifices will be worth it someday. Good luck!"
Undergraduates

**Pilar O’Hara**
A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning; Architecture
“Cherish all your college memories and experiences—the years go by faster than you think.”

**Miguel Ochoa**
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; Spanish

**Estrella Alexandra Olivares**
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; Gender and Health

**Susana Ortega**
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; Computer Science; Psychology
“I wish everyone continued success in your future endeavors! Congratulations everyone!”

**Andrew Pavon**
College of Engineering; Aerospace Engineering
Undergraduates

Carmelita Perrien Naccarato
School of Public Health; Public Health Sciences

“Congratulations to the Class of 2021! I am so proud of everything we have accomplished and can’t wait to see all of the incredible things we do in the future. Best wishes to all of my fellow graduates!”

Isabella Rios
School of Kinesiology; Movement Science

Giselle Roca
College of Engineering; Chemical Engineering

Aleija Rodriguez
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; Biopsychology, Cognition, and Neuroscience

“The world we’re about to enter is poised from immense social and cultural change, and I hope we can all be excited and proud to express ourselves as unapologetically Latino/Latina/Latine and move mountains”

Natalia Rodriguez
Stephen M. Ross School of Business; Business Administration
Undergraduates

Noelia Ruiz-Divas
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; Communications and Media; Spanish

“Learning is the only thing the mind never exhausts, never fears, and never regrets.”
—Leonardo da Vinci. Thank you to everyone that helped me throughout my time at U of M! Stay Safe and GO BLUE!!"

Riley Russell
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; Biomolecular Sciences; Drama

Anna Dessiree San Bartolome Vasquez
College of Engineering; Chemical Engineering

“Congratulations Class of 2021! I am so excited for all of you and good luck on all your future endeavors!”

Luis Saucedo
Stephen M. Ross School of Business; Business Administration

Nathan Solis
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; Communications and Media

“Never forget where you came from and always remember that you are so blessed to be where you are at today! God Bless you all!”
Undergraduates

**Grace Tenbusch**  
**College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; International Studies; History**  
“I will always look back at my time at Michigan fondly because of the friendship, support and advice that I received from the Latino community. I could not have done it without la comunidad.”

**Angelica Tome**  
**College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; Women’s and Gender Studies**  
“El Que Quiere Puede” and we did it!! Congratulations Class of 2021!!”

**Betsaida Valdivia**  
**College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; Political Science**  
“We did it!”

**Mayra Valle**  
**College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; Sociology: Law, Social Change, and Justice; Latina/o Studies (minor)**  
“Ahora, ¡a conquistar el mundo!”

**Alexis Vatterott**  
**College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; Psychology; Writing (minor)**
Undergraduates

Maitri Alegria White
School of Music, Theatre & Dance; Vocal Performance; Performing Arts Management (minor); Entrepreneurship (minor)

Anna Wysong
Stephen M. Ross School of Business; Business Administration

Sofia Zertuche
Penny W. Stamps School of Art & Design; Graphic Design - UI Design
Master's Students
Master’s

Leticia Albarran Rodriguez
School of Social Work; Master of Social Work, Community Organization conc.

“The following quote has driven me to push myself this past year: "The path we are on equally distributes talent, but does not equally distribute opportunity." Us, LatinX individuals, have proved to be the exception and have prospered through the whole pandemic not only for us, but for our families. Our next “assignment due” is to go help, inspire and collaboratively grow with those in our communities.”

Abraham Baca
School for Environment and Sustainability, Stephen M. Ross School of Business; Master of Business Administration; Master of Science in Environmental Policy

Andrea Basurto Salgado
Stephen M. Ross School of Business; Master of Business Administration

Marina Castro
Stephen M. Ross School of Business; Master of Business Administration

"Sí se puede! Sí se pudo!"

Guadalupe Reina Cervantes
School of Public Health; Master of Public Health - Management and Policy

“Queens and Kings, today we graduate from a predominantly white institution despite all odds. Take a second to live in the moment and celebrate! This great accomplishment is for us; however, it is also a tribute to our ancestors’ resilience and our families’ dreams. I foresee an abundance of milestones in our near future, as long as we ponemos las pilas y seguimos adelante con la frente en alto.”
Master’s

Joanna Dimas
School of Social Work; Master of Social Work
“I don’t know about you but I was ready to be done with school! Now I am just waiting for the day that we can celebrate together. Y’all should be proud of yourselves for graduating in the middle of a pandemic. We truly are trailblazers! Now take care of yourselves, and take a break if you can!”

Teresa Dorado
School for Environment and Sustainability; Master of Science in Ecosystem Science and Management
“Congratulations! It has been a difficult year, I am proud of us and am rooting for everyone’s goals.”

Marilu Duque
School of Information; Master of Science in Information

Gladys Garcia
School of Information; Master of Science in Information

Jocelyn Gonzalez
Stephen M. Ross School of Business; Executive Master of Business Administration
Master's

Felipe Grossi Lamas Amorim
Stephen M. Ross School of Business; Master of Business Administration

Baltazar Hernandez
Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy; Master of Public Policy

"Felicidades to all the families! We all faced challenges in getting here. We students have persisted through the most challenging academic year in history. I’m proud of you! Go Blue!"

Juanita Leveroni
Stephen M. Ross School of Business; Master of Business Administration; Master of Science in Finance

Fernando Moreno Cortina
Stephen M. Ross School of Business; Master of Business Administration

Isadora Noronha Vaz
Stephen M. Ross School of Business; Master of Business Administration
Master’s

Valentina Palomer
School of Education; Master of Arts-Educational Leadership and Policy

Juanita Pardo Sanchez
Rackham Graduate School; Master in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

“Thank you for all the help I’ve received!”

Carolina Quinteros Flores
Stephen M. Ross School of Business; Master of Business Administration

Yvette Genesis Ramírez
School of Information; Master of Science in Information; Digital Curation & Archives

Fernando Rojas Sanchez
College of Engineering, Rackham Graduate School; Master of Science in Aerospace Engineering

“We are all one mind, capable of all that’s imagined and all conceivable”
Master’s

**Bruna Sanches**
A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning; Master of Architecture

**Yezenia Sandoval**
Rackham Graduate School, School of Education; Master of Arts - Educational Leadership and Policy

"Felicidades! I wish you all the best of luck on your next journey and can’t wait to see the tremendous impact you’ll have on the world."

**Mariel Sena**
Stephen M. Ross School of Business; Master of Business Administration

**Mauro Suman Neto**
Stephen M. Ross School of Business; Master of Business Administration

**Jania Torreblanca**
Stephen M. Ross School of Business; Master of Business Administration

“Sí Se Puede! Yes. We. Can. The many obstacles and challenges we have experienced and overcame as students, family members and community members, demonstrates the resilience we all have to go out into the world and bring positive changes to this world. A pandemic couldn’t even stop us from achieving our goals! BE PROUD and be the change this world needs!”
Master’s

Renato Tumonis
College of Engineering; Master of Engineering
“Congratulations for all 2020 graduates”

Nicole Valdespino Nogues
School of Information; Master of Science in Information - HCI, UX
“All the best! May your professional paths be full of rewarding experiences, ¡Felicidades!”

Natalie Valdez
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; Master of Science in Clinical Health Psychology
“Congratulations Class of 2021!”

Rigoberto Vazquez Jr.
College of Engineering; Master of Science in Engineering - Nuclear Engineering & Radiological Science
“Work everyday as if you’ve never had any type of success before”

Cesar Venegas
Stephen M. Ross School of Business; Master of Business Administration
Master’s

Sandra Vidal
School of Public Health; Master of Public Health - Management and Policy

“Congratulations Class of 2021! May we continue to be courageous and challenge ourselves.”

Lilith Danae Villafaña Villafaña
College of Engineering; Master of Engineering in Program and Project Management

Deb Xavier
Stephen M. Ross School of Business; Master of Business Administration
Faculty & Staff

Gina Balibrera
Writer; LSA Advancement, Marketing and Communications
“Keep shining. You deserve the opportunities you receive—you’re brilliant and worthy. Pay no mind to haters.”

Ethriam Brammer
Assistant Dean & DEI Implementation Lead; Rackham Graduate School
“'Liberation is a praxis: the action and reflection of men and women upon their world in order to transform it.' --Paulo Freire  Congratulations, Class of 2021!”

Julio Cardona
Assistant Dean; School of Music, Theatre & Dance
“Graduation is like a bridge to the next part of your life, and everything that got you here—hard work, drive and confidence—is going to carry you across to the future you deserve.”

María de Lourdes Dorantes
Spanish Lecturer IV; Department of Romance Languages and Literatures
“May the challenges you have faced to get to graduation remind you of your strengths and determination to keep moving forward, to keep your head up and to keep your heart honest. Your well-being and your happiness are just as important as your journey ahead. Congratulations to you, your loved ones and those looking from above. ¡A celebrar, felicidades!”

Evelyn Galvan
Senior Investigator; Office of Institutional Equity
“Congratulations on this milestone! You have made UM better, and I hope you go on to your next adventure with courage and passion to continue creating change in other places. Continue pushing yourself and reaching for your dreams, because you deserve that and more. Nunca pares porque “Each and every accomplishment starts with a decision to try.” Go blue!”
Faculty & Staff

Lawrence La Fountain-Stokes
Professor of Latina/o Studies and Spanish; Department of American Culture

“¡Muchas felicidades! I am very happy for all of you! Mucha suerte en el futuro. Thank you for being part of the Latinx community at the University of Michigan. I am excited to learn about what the future holds for you. I hope the lessons you have learned and the friendships and connections you have made continue to be relevant parts of your lives. Qjalá que todo les vaya bien.”

Marlanna Landeros
Adjunct Lecturer/Program Manager; School of Social Work/Division of Public Safety & Security

“You have purpose, live it being your most authentic self. There is only one YOU!”

Ashley Lucas
Associate Professor; Residential College (LSA) and Theatre & Drama (SMTD)

“You have managed to graduate during a pandemic and a time of great social reckoning. You are so strong, with much experience that will serve you throughout your life. Use the knowledge you have gained in this time of struggle to serve others.”

David Machado-Aranda
Assistant Professor of Surgery; Medical School

“Congratulations to the Class of 2021! While we are going through difficult times (nothing new for the LatinX community), those bad memories will fade away, and you will only recall the dreams that became part of your heart the first day you step inside the campus.”

Susan Montgomery
Lecturer and Academic Coach; Engineering Center for Academic Success

“You worked very hard for this degree, and it will open many doors, so you don’t have to settle for less than ikijai, or your reason for being: A career doing what you love, what you’re good at, what the world needs, and what you can get paid for. After what you have been through this year you leave with the confidence that you can do anything you set your mind to - Go for it!”
Patrick Mullen-Coyoy
Program Manager; Center for Educational Outreach

“It can feel like you’re supposed to have everything figured out by graduation, but remember—there's still time to change your interests, have new experiences, and discover what you want to do with your life. Celebrate all the work you've done to get here, and appreciate this opportunity to set out on another journey, whether down the same road or a different one. Congratulations on reaching this new starting point!”

Angela Ocampo
Assistant Professor; College of Literature, Science, and the Arts - Political Science Department

“¡Felicitanones graduates! Never forget that the sky is the limit. Stay true to your passions and to your community and everything else will follow. ¡Siempre pálante!”

Silvia Pedraza
Professor of Sociology and American Culture; College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

“Stay away from all forms of addiction — cigarettes, drugs, excessive alcohol, gambling. Stay close to good people — friends with good hearts and minds. Follow your heart for your happiness. Enjoy the beauty of nature. Remember that everyone suffers -- it is part of the human experience.

Teresa Sanchez-Snell
Lecturer II Program Coordinator, Spanish Language Internship Project; College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; Residential College

“Congratulations to our Graduates! I join you in celebrating your achievements and hope you will be able to look back on your time here and remember all of the lessons you learned, the special moments, and the many friendships you made. Be proud of your hard work and achievements, and I wish you all the best for the future that lies ahead. Congratulations!”

Teresa Satterfield
Professor of Romance Linguistics; Romance Languages, College of Language, Science, and the Arts

“Per aspera ad astra / A través de la dificultad, hacia las estrellas/ Through adversity to reach the stars: Best wishes as you continue to triumph, University of Michigan Class of 2021!”
To Our Loved Ones...

“Mi familia/amigxs: ustedes me han dado el valor, ánimo, y amor cuando me sentí rendida – GRACIAS. Exclusivamente unas gracias para mis Papi’s. Estos últimos años yo creció en tantas formas. ¡Crecí más cerca a ustedes, en mi reconocimiento a nuestra historia familiar, y reconocido sus MILES de sacrificios! Cada paso que tomaba venía con sus retos, pero siempre me inspiraron. Triunfadora no solo soy yo, pero nosotros tres. Los amo mucho, GRACIAS.” - Leticia Albarran Rodriguez

“Love you, Ma & Pa! I couldn’t have done it without you!” - Marina Castro

“Para mi querida familia: Es nuestro día, disfrútenlo! Gracias por apoyarme siempre y darme algo que esperar en el futuro. Ahora es mi turno de cuidar y ayudarles a todos ustedes.” - Guadalupe Reina Cervantes

“Thank you for always believing in me and pushing me to pursue my goals and ambitions. I would not be here today without you. Los quiero mucho, nuestros sueños siempre van a hacer más grande que las fronteras que existen en este mundo! First but not the last in the Dimas family to pursue a master’s degree!” - Joanna Dimas

“Thank you to my advisors and professors for providing their guidance and perspectives. Gracias a mi familia y my community for believing in me and my potential.” - Teresa Dorado

“Immensely thankful for my time at UMich. For the friends I’ve made, the support received from my family and guidance from mentors. The next chapter is another new beginning. Excited to see what it holds for us all. Go Blue!” - MariLu Duque

“Thank you to my friends, family, and professors that supported me as I pursued my degree these last two years. I especially want to thank Habló, Crisol, Irmarie, Yvette, Mez, and my sister Sonia for their tremendous support and believing in my success in spite of my challenges.” - Gladys Garcia

“Grateful to God for allowing me to further my education and getting one step closer to my dreams. Thank you Mom and Dad for your support, and thanks to my son Sebastian, you are my motor to keep going and never giving up!” - Jocelyn Gonzalez

“Thank you to my strong and supportive colleagues and friends. Special thanks to my mom and dad. I love you!” - Baltazar Hernandez

“Thank you for all the help I’ve received!” - Juanita Pardo Sanchez

“So thrilled to have accomplished this milestone. Wouldn’t have been possible without the support of my community here at U of M, in Queens, NY & beyond. But mostly I dedicate this degree to mamí y papi who made their way to New York from Bolivia with dreams and here I am as a testament to that dream. ¡Jalalla Taqiniru!” - Yvette Genesis Ramírez

“Although I am the one graduating, this success is the product of a team effort, thank you to everyone who made it possible, especially to my family and mentors, thank you! We did it!” - Fernando Rojas Sanchez

“Thank you Mom, Dad, Mayara, Fabio, and Daniel. Te amo mucho <3” - Bruna Sanches

“Thank you to my family, friends, and mentors for supporting me along the way and being my rock during these challenging times! Lo logramos!! <3” - Yezenia Sandoval

“To my husband and my boys, you have been my inspiration and my resolve to successfully complete this degree, without you, my success would not have been possible. To my sisters and my parents, thank you for continuing to believe that I could do this. I did it! To my uncle Alfredo, you helped us immigrate to this country and without you, this would have never been possible! RIP” - Jania Torreblanca

“Gracias infinitas a toda mi familia que siempre está conmigo y que es mi gran motor. Gracias a mi compañero de vida que camino a mi lado en todo momento y a mi Mexico precioso, por ser siempre inspiración.” - Nicole Valdespino Nogues

“Couldn’t have made it this far without the continuous love and support from my parents and family in South Texas. Los amo y los extraño a todos!” - Natalie Valdez
**To Our Loved Ones...**

“I would like to thank my sisters for accepting and loving my differences without any judgment. I would like to thank my advisor Dr. Ariella (BME professor) for always believing in me and for encouraging me to aim high. Overall, I want to thank every individual that’s helped me while being at Michigan. Lastly, I would like dedicated this degree to my father.” - **Rigoberto Vazquez Jr.**

“I would like to thank my family. Mami y Papi, this is for you! Your sacrifices, unconditional love, and support have allowed me to be here today. Sin ustedes, esto no hubiera sido posible.” - **Sandra Vidal**

“Thank you all for amazing memories! We’re stronger together! Go Blue!” - **Deb Xavier**

“I want to thank my family for all the support they gave me these past four years!” - **Giovanna Bautista Rodriguez**

“Heritage can be one of the most important influences in our lives. If you find your confidence in your culture, lean into that. Learn to advocate. Be a champion for your heritage.” - **Aaron Berry**

“Thank you to my parents for all they have done for me. I hope to always make you proud in everything I do. Los quiero con todo!!” - **Marisela Boully Perez**

“Brent Eldridge, Laurie Burney, Jim Adams: Words will never be able to express my gratitude for your time, for challenging me, and for rooting for me, no matter how far away. Thank you for your unending support. Abuela y abuelo: Gracias por ser la fuerza impulsora detrás de mis intereses académicos. Mamá: Gracias por apoyarme durante los últimos cuatro años.” - **Sophia Calabretta**

“Thank you to my family for always supporting me!” - **Nicole Carrier**

“Gracias Delfina y Gregorio por su apoyo siempre y los sacrificios que han hecho por Judith y para mí. Quizás no podamos pagarles por todo lo que han hecho pero ojalá nuestros logros los hagan orgullosas y ver que valoramos todo su esfuerzo <3” - **Vanessa González**

“Thank you so much to everyone who believed in me and supported me in my journey migrating to the US and getting the degree of my dreams!” - **Nicolás Gutiérrez Riera**

“Thank you so much to my wonderful family for all of their love and support during these past 4 years ... it's been a wild ride! A big thank you to all of my wonderful friends, who became my family in Ann Arbor and beyond — you know who you are. I am so happy about the wonderful memories we have created together and will continue to create.” - **Isabelle Hasslund**

“Thank you so much for the support, for motivating me and advising me through my journey here. I will forever be grateful for that.” - **Nancy Hernandez**

“Ma, este logro es tanto tuyo como mío. Muchas gracias por todo tus sacrificios, el amor y apoyo que me has dado. To vero, my person, thank you for being there for me every step of the way. I am who I am because of you. To my mentors, thank you for the continued guidance and support over the years. I am so grateful for everything I have learned from y'all.” - **Melissa Hernandez**

“To my family (and especially my mom): you have been my biggest motivation throughout my time at the University of Michigan. Whenever I didn't feel like doing an assignment, I thought of you and got to work because I know it is not just my future that was depending on it. To my close friends: Ya'll have really seen me at my worst and best and we've had the best of time. You have been my home away from home and I love you all so much.” - **Daniela Lugo**

“Gracias a mi familia, mis amigxs, y mi novio por siempre ser mi motivación más grande. We did it <3” - **Angela Martínez-Chávez**

“To my family, thank you for always believing me and reminding me to believe in myself during moments of doubt. My accomplishments wouldn't be possible without your support. And to my friends and professors, thank you for making my experience at Michigan so memorable.” - **Pilar O'Hara**

“I would not be able to accomplished this without the support of my spouse and three children. thanks to them for all the love and support that keeps me strong.” - **Miguel Ochoa**

“To all of my family, friends, sisters, and mentors, I cherish this moment with all of you, because this degree is just as much yours as it is mine. I would not be holding this degree in my hand if it weren’t for all of you. Thank you for the tremendous amount of love, encouragement, and support that you all have graciously given me.” - **Susana Ortega**
“Thank you to everyone who has helped me get through these four years from faculty to friends alike. Thank you to my parents, brothers, and the rest of my family for your endless love and support. Most of all, thank you to mis bisabuelos for having the courage to change the lives of those who came after you.” - Camelia Perrien Naccarato

“There is no way that I would be here without mi mamá y mi hermano Alex. Being at college has made me realize how much I miss them all the time and how much they’ve helped me get here in ways they don’t even know. Thank you. Los amo a ambos.” - Aleja Rodriguez

“Thank you Mami and Papi for all the sacrifices you have made for me to get to where I am today, ensuring I would have a successful career. I would additionally like to thank the Preparation Initiative community for providing the resources to achieve at a high level and offering a support system throughout my time at Ross.” - Natalia Rodriguez

“Thank you to everyone that has ever supported me throughout out my college education at U of M and to my family for motivating me to be the best self I can be.” - Noelia Ruiz-Divas

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