

Ignacio Ellacuria S.J. Dreamers Scholarship KeyNote Short Bio - 12/13/2024

Brenda Citlali Brambila Flores graduated from Marquette University in May 2017 with an undergraduate degree in biological sciences. She currently works as a communications design specialist for a health care clinic, ensuring all communications strategies are both serving English and Spanish-speaking populations seeking health care.

While at Marquette University, she was one of the founding members of MU Dreamers and the Ignacio Ellacuria Dreamer's Scholarship Fund Student Committee. She was also part of the Latin American Student Organization (L.A.S.O) and Solidarity in Action (S.I.A.). Additionally, she worked in the Center for Engagement and Inclusion (CEI) as a student program assistant helping organize student-led events for marginalized students. As an undocumented student at Marquette University, she always ensured there were safe spaces for students like her as they navigated higher education.

Brenda is currently pursuing a Master's in Professional Communications from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside to amplify her communication skills to give voice to marginalized groups in the healthcare administration sphere.

She prides herself in holding space and speaking to her experience as someone who graduated from Marquette University as an undocumented student, who navigated employment as an undocumented immigrant post graduation, and who navigated her socioeconomic development as an undocumented immigrant. Brenda often reflects on Marquette's Jesuit ideals to be the difference by embracing a commitment to academic excellence, service to others, and the promotion of justice. She strives to cultivate a spirit of faith, compassion, and ethical leadership in her personal and professional life.