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### **Black College Fund Connects Hispanic and Latino Students to Higher Education** *Student Profile: Crystal Urbina, Rust College*



“A dream come true” is how Crystal Urbina sums up her Rust College experience. As the eldest of three and the first to attend college in her family, the Texan explained that without Rust College, her dreams would not have become reality. “Rust College gave me the opportunity to follow my dreams of playing basketball and softball on a collegiate level and continue my education.”

Because of the Black College Fund scholarship, Crystal walks more confidently in the direction of her dreams without added financial stress. “My parents already worried about me being far away from home,” she explained. “It’s a relief knowing they don’t have the added stress of making monthly payments for school anymore.”

Excited to receive the award, she first called her mom and dad to share the news. “My parents were extremely thankful,” Crystal said. “It was a blessing.”

Crystal has been actively engaged in basketball and softball since she was a child and one day dreams of becoming a physical education teacher. “I’ve always been around sports,” the education major expressed. “It would be so much fun to be the one teaching children.”

Although it has been difficult to adjust being away from her family, Crystal maintains a 3.5 grade point average. She enjoys making new friends and embraces the opportunity she believes will prepare her for the future.