My name is Yuliana Garcia; I come from a small family of four. I was born and raised in Michoacán Mexico. At the age of seven I came to the United States, and have lived in Ventura County since. I graduated from Santa Paula High School in 2011 and continued my higher education at California State University, Chico. I am the first generation college bound in my family and I hope to be a role model for my younger sister and other family members.

When I first came to Chico State I was a pre-nursing major and took all the science prerequisites. Unfortunately, I was not able to get admission to the nursing program and I then thought to myself, “What other major would be beneficial to my personal, professional and career goals?” I came to realize that Child Development would be the perfect major for me to go into. I knew that I would gain a lot of experience and knowledge in the field of child development. I definitely see children and families in my future and this major has prepared me well to provide appropriate services and care for children and their families.

My career goal is to become an Obstetric Nurse and receiving a degree in Child Development will make a more responsive and understanding nurse when working with children. My major has helped me become a well-rounded person and I hope to one day become not just a nurse, but a great nurse. I strongly believe that children must have all their needs met in order for them to achieve their maximum potential. I look forward to providing more than just nursing care to children in the hospital. I truly believe that although a child could be in the hospital for an intensive time, they can still receive appropriate care and have their needs met to improve their health and well-being. This will allow the child to continue to growth and develop appropriately to avoid having negative effects later in life. I look forward to becoming a positive impact in the lives of children and families.