

Student Success Story

Marisela Maciel Madera Adult School



Maricela arrived in the United States from Mexico in 2017 and was challenged by the new environment and language barrier. She wanted to complete her education, but was concerned about the financial hardships she and her three children might face.

In September of 2017, Maricela enrolled at Madera Adult School to take English classes. At the same time, she earned her High School Equivalency certificate. As she gained confidence, she focused on further improving her English skills by enrolling in Grammar, Listening and Speaking, and Writing courses at Madera Community College. For financial assistance, Maricela applied for the FAFSA and scholarships, and in Fall 2020, she was awarded the Steve and Jill Chelowa scholarship. She also received help purchasing books through the college EOPS program. She states, “In my journey as a student, I have been helped by Nancy Frampton, ESL advisor, Sergio Lemus, my counselor, and my patient professor. They are always supporting me and encouraging me to be the best I can be.”

In addition to attending classes and taking care of her children, Maricela works part-time as an ESL embedded tutor. She was a student presenter at the RP Strengthening Student Success Conference, speaking about the role of embedded tutors at Madera Community College.

Maricela continues to attend Madera Community College, pursuing a degree in Business Administration. Her goal is to transfer to CSU Fresno to receive a Bachelor’s Degree in Business.