

Victoria (Ortiz) Magna's EB 211 mentor had no doubt the Conant High School graduate would succeed.

"Victoria started really strong and she ended her college career really strong," observed Dorothy Ogurek, retired Conant teacher. "From the get-go, the kid never stumbled." Aware since high school that she wanted to be an engineer, Victoria applied to Bradley University, setting her sights on a degree in civil engineering. Graduating this spring, today Victoria works for Power Construction, where she interned last summer.

As she worked toward her engineering goal, Victoria worked three jobs at Bradley, in addition to playing an active role in Engineers Without Borders and her sorority, Sigma Kappa.

Victoria is the first to count EB 211 as a major reason for her success, appreciating the guidance and scholarship help she received from the organization.

"I've always considered myself very independent but having the opportunity to have a mentor through EB 211 to talk to throughout college was helpful and supportive," said Victoria.

Bright, articulate and gifted problem-solver, this EB 211 graduate is ready to continue those skills in her engineering career.

"To meet a remarkable young woman like Victoria and watch her grow up and see her go through the whole process was just a privilege," recounted Dorothy. "My biggest challenge was trying to find a way I could help her, and that's a good problem to have."