

Natalie Rodriguez

Natalie Rodriguez is the single mother of three children and the child of Mexican immigrants. Her children are her motivators so that they can have a better life. She decided to return to school for a career in Social Work as she enjoys helping others. Her major career and personal goal right now is to complete college. She has faced multiple obstacles throughout her life including having her father abandon the family of five, struggling to survive, and trying to make ends meet.

Natalie has worked since Junior High to help support her family. She attended Continuation School so that she could fit working in with school. It was in 2015 that she decided to start college. She has made good use of the tutoring services at LACC to keep her grades up. She also is a part of the CalWORKS program which enables her to combine school and employment.

She is described as being persistent and driven to complete her education despite limited resources. Natalie's strength is that she is a strong and independent single parent who balances being a mom and a student. She is on the path to graduation and the next step is to transfer to a university to obtain her Bachelor's Degree in Social Work.

Natalie is a dedicated person who keeps getting up when she gets knocked down. She will not stop until she has accomplished all of her goals. Being a single mother isn't easy, but her daughters have always come first. There have been times when financial needs made it necessary to drop a course so that she could work. But she got right back on course and she continued her schooling. She knows that her education is what will help her and her family into a better life.