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More Than Bootstraps College Student Leader Awarded Scholarship and Elected to Leadership Position

WESTFIELD and PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY – April 24, 2024. [More Than Bootstraps](https://www.morethanbootstraps.org) (MTB), a New Jersey non-profit, is thrilled to announce that **Nereida Delgado Garcia**, one of our College Student Leaders, has been awarded the Anthony and Charlotte Haartz Marinelli/Vincenzo Bollettino Scholarship. The \$5,000 scholarship is awarded to outstanding students enrolled as Latin American and Latino Studies majors or minors in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at Montclair State University. In addition, Nereida was recently elected to serve as President for 2024-2025 of the Mexican-American Student Association at Montclair.

Nereida, a graduate of Passaic Preparatory Academy, has served for two years as a MTB College Student Leader, mentoring her younger high school peers in the program. In Summer 2023, Nereida also served as an MTB Summer Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE) Intern, with a focus on family outreach and leadership of the MTB Summer Program for rising senior High School Fellows.



Nereida is completing her junior year at Montclair State University, where she studies Spanish, translation studies, and professional writing. At Montclair, she also serves as a Bonner Leader. In the upcoming academic year, Nereida will serve as a social media intern for the Bonner Program.

“As a rising senior at Montclair and a proud Mexican-American and first-generation college student, I credit the support of my family and More Than Bootstraps for my growth over my undergraduate education,” said Nereida.

“More Than Bootstraps congratulates Nereida for earning this scholarship and taking on positions at Montclair where she can lead and serve others,” said **Audrey Fisch**, president of More Than Bootstraps. “Nereida is a fantastic role model.”

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