

## MEET TIFFANY PADILLA, WHOSE LIFE IS FOREVER CHANGED THROUGH THE SUPPORT OF A PLANNED GIFT



One of the scholarship funds we manage each year is the Ida V. Holland Educational Trust, which awards one new student each year. This scholarship dates back to 1944, when Mrs. Holland, a widow, created a planned gift trust providing perpetual scholarships for generations to come. It's a renewable scholarship, meaning that students can achieve funding throughout their college years!

This year's award was made to Tiffany Padilla. We had an opportunity to learn more about Tiffany, and we were so enamored with her joie de vivre that we decided to share more of her story with you.

Tiffany is planning to attend Dallas Baptist University, in an accelerated program designed to help her achieve not only an undergraduate degree but also complete a graduate program with a concentration in counseling in approximately four years.

Tiffany has always known that her purpose in life was to help children. Her early dreams involved becoming a pediatrician, then perhaps a teacher, finally landing on becoming a Christian-based counselor.

Tiffany has come to understand that patterns set early in life can ultimately shape the rest of a young person's destiny. "Young people need a wise adult in their life and investing in our youth is what drives me," Tiffany shared. "People have innate value, there is a plan for a person's life and being able to help someone realize that is one of the most fulfilling roles I can imagine."

Not only was Tiffany an excellent academic talent for this award, she is fully responsible for 100 percent of her tuition, since her beloved father experienced a stroke a couple of years ago, which in turn took its toll on the family's income. Because of Tiffany's strong faith, devotion to her studies and making a difference throughout her high school career, she has been awarded multiple scholarships, which will make her first year of college at an esteemed private institution nearly tuition-free!

Further, Tiffany is starting out ahead of the game with 27 dual-credit hours attained during high school, as well as participating in an accelerated collegiate program that will have her in the workforce much sooner than traditional programs. It's students like Tiffany who are the leaders of our future. Congratulations, Tiffany!