

MISHELL TRUJILLO

Quito

How many siblings do you have?

We are three siblings; I am the oldest sister at 24 years old, then comes my sister Paola at 22, and finally my brother Jhon at 20.

Do you have any pets?

Yes, I have a kitten. Her name is Sasa, we adopted her. I found her in the street near the dumpsters at my house. She was tiny when I rescued her.

What are your favorite pastimes or hobbies?

I enjoy reading very much. My books of interest are those that present scientific studies and also suspense stories. I also like to listen to music while I am doing some activity. I like pop music mainly in English.



Studies

Academic program: Optometry

School: Cordillera Institute of Technology.

Graduation: To be confirmed

What work will you pursue with your program?

I aspire to be the owner of my optician's shop, providing specialized services in visual health, such as eye exams, glasses and frames, and vision therapy.

The Foundation

I met Mike when I entered to study at the CMT. Both Mike and Professor Ruben Altamirano were my math teachers. I liked the games that Mike did in his classes, mainly the logic games before the end of the class. I learned a lot with Mike in his classes and I was sad every time he traveled back to the US, , but he always tried to leave me books or a magazine to train my mind.

As time went by, I got to know Mike better and he lent me some books on philosophy to read. Later, I met Margarita and at first sight, it was like meeting the sweetest person I had ever seen before. As we got to know each other they got to know my mom and that's when they proposed to her to help me finish my university studies. DEOF has supported me mainly with the financing of my university studies, room, and board, as well as psychological and moral support. They always give me that push to continue preparing myself and to be a good professional.

For me, DEOF means "family" because despite the difficulties they will always support you and the union that exists is unique. It is a great honor to belong to this great family that doesn't look at the differences that exist between us. It also means "knowledge" because it gives you all the tools to keep learning and be better every day, both personally and professionally.

2024 update:

I am working on several ventures, we are running a restaurant with my mother and I started my own Optician as well. This project started in January of this year, little by little with the help and support of my mother and a good friend. I am confident in my knowledge and the quality of the attention I can give to people.

I am taking a course that will expand my career, it will help me to be able to fit contact lenses, it is a quite complex but interesting field. I also have participated in several visual health brigades that in the long run help me to acquire more professional experience.