

Burning Hell

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According to Dictionary.com, The American Dream “is a life of personal happiness and material comfort.” However, for immigrants, the real “American Dream” has become a constant fight against humiliation, abuse, racism, and stereotypes. Everything starts in that Burning Hell where millions of people die searching for “better lives;” the Burning Hell where that border stands being the abysm between many families, that border that gives you the name of “immigrant.”

Seeing many Hispanic parents work from sun up until sun down just to have enough money to make their families survive, seeing smart young students turn into gang leaders just because they don’t have the right documentation or the money to continue on with their educations has made my dream stronger than ever. I’m a first generation student from a family with minimal education and very low incomes. I want to live the real dream by becoming educated. I want to be a symbol for my whole community just like The Statue of Liberty has been the symbol of progress and success for all those who came to America looking for that, American Dream, that we all wish to find.



Blanca is a recent high school graduate and a lover of the arts. Her inspiration stems from my desire to bring to light injustices and my desire to achieve my dreams in the United States. She wants society to understand that just because she doesn’t have a “Social Number”, it doesn't mean that she’s different; she still has a heart and blood running through her veins and the desire to work hard and become someone important in life. Blanca can be contacted at blanca.licona@gmail.com