

Gigi Maduro, International Honors Student

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Transcript

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My name is Gionna Maduro, and I am a business administration major focusing in management, and I'm in my sophomore year. I'm actually an international student from the Caribbean. I come from Curaçao. It's a small island near Aruba, which is a bit more, people know that island more, and it was always my dream to come study in the United States. And the financial institution from back home where I'm from, they signed a contract with UWF and I get to pay in-state tuition. So that was one of my main reasons for coming here. I feel like the honors experience is very different from just being a regular student, because one of its resources that it provides, and the Honors community in its whole, it provides a whole, they provide a lot of resources, such as traveling, studying, studying abroad, opportunities, for example, the seminars or the classes in Service Learning and E-portfolio. All of those things are extra resources, aside from what my major or the school offers that helps you develop yourself professionally for the future. I've never felt myself being outcasted here, or felt like I was different based on my international status. I always felt like I belonged here, where I come from, we don't really have what's called an honors experience, so it's really something that I learned about here when I came to the States, and of course, like when I told my family, they were like, well, what does that mean? And I what I told them, it's basic. I mean, I said it basically means that I'm smarter and but I mean that in the most humble way possible, it goes just beyond that. It's about the resources that they provide you. It's it's the way that future employers or future graduate schools will recognize you and say, hey, oh, this was an honor student. So they can equate that to they have motivation. They have their determination. They have that perseverance spirit, that will, it will, it will make you stand out, and it will set you apart from the rest.