



"One student at a time": another VISIONAR graduate!

From Graduation to Her First Job: A Dream Come True for Maria Angela

VISIONAR scholar Maria Angela is another outstanding example of ambition, hard work, and making things happen. Last May, Maria Angela graduated from UCES with a degree in Accounting, and less than two weeks later, she was hired as an accountant by one of San Francisco's local firms. When she tells us about it, her excitement is palpable, and so is her determination:

"I was afraid I would not find a job right away," Angela shared with us. "But my job search started months before I got my degree: I would get up in the morning as if I was going to work, and worked at it: updating my resume, taking additional courses, searching for jobs online, sending resumes to accounting firms. Finally I ran into an accounting firm that I had not heard about, and left them my resume. They called me for an interview and days after I was offered the job."

Given Argentina's struggling economy, with inflation tracking at 30%, and unemployment between 9 and 10%, young people sometimes lose hope, and opt not to go to college. Jobs may be few, especially for young graduates, but that is even more reason to focus on getting an education, and to search for opportunities with tenacity. Maria Angela is a clear example of that, and yet another success story that we are so proud to share with all our donors and supporters.

Congratulations, Angela!!





Figure 1 Maria Angela, accompanied by VISIONAR coordinators Graciela Asis and Ana Maria Aimasso