



Straight-A VISIONAR student: Maximiliano

Maximiliano has been with VISIONAR Scholarships since 2010, when he started the Chemical Engineering program at the Universidad Tecnológica Nacional in San Francisco, Argentina <http://www.frscfco.utn.edu.ar/>. Maxi is an easy-going, friendly, thoughtful young man and, in his own words, a “perfectionist” when it comes to his schoolwork; he is truly passionate about science and it shows; he is a straight-A student with a bright future ahead of him.

In this update you will see excerpts of Maxi’s monthly reports he sends to his VISIONAR mentor, Dr. Flavia Lamberghini, and to VISIONAR coordinators, to keep us informed of his progress. Every monthly report, for the last 5+ years, is a pleasure to read. I am only sharing short snippets, accompanied by my editorial comment to add context and give you a glimpse of how extraordinary this young man is.

December 2015

“Last Monday I took the final exam for Operational Units (one of the last courses before I graduate), and I got a 10!” (“A” in US grading).

“Next year, I would like to get a job and save enough money to help me move to Santa Fe city and start the Doctorate in Physics.”

Given his stellar performance through college and the recommendation of his professors, Maxi has already been accepted into a PhD program at CONICET, a prestigious scientific institute located in the city of Santa Fe, Argentina <http://www.santafe-conicet.gov.ar/>. In addition, CONICET already offered Maxi a scholarship to help finance his PhD.



January 2016

“I am spending a week of vacation in Cosquin with my girlfriend and her family. We have warm, sunny weather. We enjoy relaxing on the banks of the river and getting to know this town and its tradition. In any event, I brought with me LOTS of material to study because I am about to face the last exam of my engineering program! I am almost done with college! It is an exam in Environmental Engineering.”

This is an example of Maxi’ dedication to his studies, even when “on vacation”. Maxi knows what it takes to succeed: perseverance, commitment, and loving what you do!

March 2016

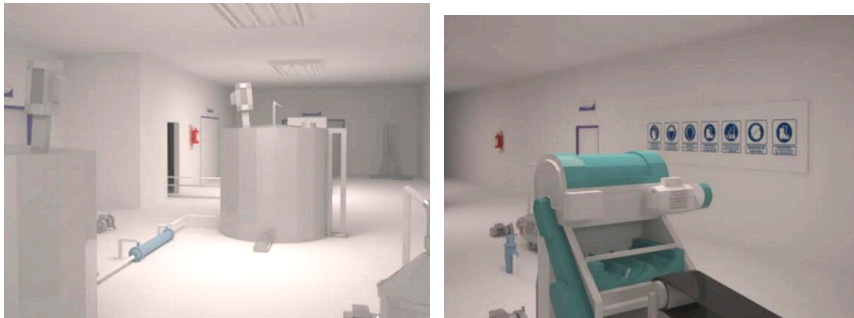
“I am writing to let you know that I passed the last exam in my program, with an 8! I am glad it is over. I had many doubts before getting the grade, because the professor gave us an exam so

difficult that it was scary to even look at it. I gave it my best and passed. Only one thing left to get my diploma: to review and submit my final thesis! I thank you for being with me through this beautiful chapter of my life.”

April 2016

“I am close to having the thesis finished so we can have my diploma. I decided to push the submission date because I want to work some more on the high quality images of the production facility, which will make our thesis one of the most innovative ones of the last few years in this University, so I need more time. Unfortunately, I have the defect of being a perfectionist; I always want to improve what I have done.”

For his thesis, Maxi developed an innovative process to produce liquors. The pictures below are computer-generated images he offered to illustrate his work.



Maxi has set an example for all who are fortunate to know him: he has set his sights high, he has worked tirelessly, and now is very close to his goal: a degree as a chemical engineer and a base to continue onto his doctorate.

Like Maxi, many young men and women have the goal of getting a college education, but financially are not able to afford it. In Maxi's case, Dr. Lamberghini has generously supported him throughout his program, giving him not only the help of a scholarship, but also her warm encouragement every step of the way.

We thank Dr. Lamberghini, we thank each of you for your contributions, and we ask that you continue to walk with us through this journey so we can support other young people like Maxi. Education is the gift that will keep giving by helping people build their future and, in turn, contribute to society themselves.

Please consider supporting one VISIONAR student through their school year, which represents USD \$1,525 in today's exchange rates. This amount helps pay for university fees, school supplies, books and transportation. As always, any amount is deeply appreciated and welcome.

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As always, a sincere Thank you!

Gabriela