

## Stephanie Cuellar '08 Imagines a Career Tackling Inner-city Issues



*As president of the Business Inter-Club Council, Stephanie Cuellar '08 represents the Mihaylo College student body at campus functions.*

In her four years at the Mihaylo College of Business and Economics, it's hard to think of a role Stephanie Cuellar hasn't taken on: student, scholarship recipient, award-winning volunteer, campus leader and employee. "Faculty say to me, 'Wow, you're everywhere!'" laughs Cuellar, a native of Riverside. "They know that I care about the students and I want them to have a great experience like I've had."

The impressive college career of this '08 business finance major includes her current post as president of the Business Inter-Club Council (BICC), a group that uses its annual budget of \$20,000 through Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) to serve 14 student business groups in the College. Under her leadership the council is organizing more networking and career-preparation events, guest speakers, and job and internship

fairs, as well as continuing to fund students' travel to leadership conferences, networking events, and competitions all over the country.

One of Cuellar's biggest challenges came the summer before her junior year, when she made the tough decision to pass up the role of vice president of finance for ASI, a job that would have given her experience managing a \$9 million budget, for a special volunteer opportunity. "I lived in a homeless shelter for six weeks and volunteered my help," says Cuellar, a first-generation college graduate. "I had to turn down the job [to do this] and thought, what am I getting myself into? But I really wanted to go and see what I would learn through the experience. It was overwhelming, but it was great."

What's next for the tireless Cuellar, post-graduation? "I have a passion for land use and inner-city issues. I want to be an advocate for people living in these communities and examine how land use affects them, asking questions

like, will it bring revenue? And, how will it affect children living there?"

Cuellar will graduate free of student loans, thanks to the many scholarships she's received through the College's scholarship donors. "I don't think my parents know how much tuition is since they haven't had to pay," says Cuellar. "That was one of my goals, I didn't want to get loans." ■

### GAMMA IOTA SIGMA: NEW PROFESSIONAL CHAPTER FOR STUDENTS SEEKING CAREERS IN INSURANCE AND RELATED INDUSTRIES

Spring is a time for new beginnings, and new student clubs. This semester, the Mihaylo College became the home of the 51st chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma, the professional fraternity for men and women pursuing careers in risk management, insurance and actuarial science.



More than 500 students in the College take courses in risk management and insurance, and the faculty felt the club would further increase students' familiarity with insurance issues, broaden their exposure to the financial services industry, and provide them with networking opportunities.

*For more information about Gamma Iota Sigma, including upcoming conferences, visit [www.gammaiotasigma.org](http://www.gammaiotasigma.org).*