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Olivia Fernandes, a native of Sacramento, California, has dedicated her life to education and empowerment, leaving a lasting impact on her community.

From an early age, Olivia demonstrated her commitment to the Youth Development Network. In 2010, she became a part of the YDN family, embarking on a journey that would shape her future. Throughout her high school years, from 2010 to 2014, Olivia served as a youth facilitator, making a positive difference in the lives of young individuals and honing her leadership skills.

Olivia's thirst for knowledge and her passion for creating positive change led her to pursue higher education. In 2022, she received her Associate of Arts degree in Sociology and Social Justice Studies, with a focus on Women, Gender, and LGBTQ Studies, from Cosumnes River College. This milestone marked the beginning of her academic journey toward her dream of making a significant impact on the lives of others.

Currently, Olivia is continuing her educational pursuit at CSU Sacramento, where she is majoring in sociology and minoring in counseling. With her dedication and hard work, she is on track to graduate in the fall of 2024. Olivia's aspirations extend beyond her undergraduate studies; she plans to apply to a master's program in counseling.

Olivia's ultimate goal is to become an Academic Advisor at a community college. Her vision goes even further as she dreams of creating a specialized program for first-generation student



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parents. This program would empower them by utilizing the Gallup Strengths Assessment and providing strengths-based training. She is determined to provide the support and guidance they need to succeed in their educational journey. Olivia understands the unique challenges that first-generation student parents face as her husband and herself are both first gen parents to their two children under 2 years.

Through her unwavering dedication to education and her commitment to empowering others, Olivia Fernandes is poised to leave a lasting legacy in the world of academia, ensuring that all students, especially those facing unique challenges, have the opportunity to thrive.

Strengths:

RESPONSIBILITY

DISCIPLINE

HARMONY

FUTURISTIC

INDIVIDUALIZATION

