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## **ANEL FLORES IBARRA** | Business Administration

Anel Flores Ibarra is an ambitious international student from San Buenaventura, Coahuila, Mexico pursuing a degree in business administration. Seeking greater opportunities and a brighter future, she made the bold decision to continue her education in the United States. Her academic excellence is reflected in a 4.0 GPA and a strong commitment to leadership, service, and personal growth.

Anel actively engages in research and advocacy, serving as vice president of a community-focused research initiative that explores solutions to pressing social issues. As secretary within student leadership, she works to strengthen communication between students, faculty, and administration, advocating for the needs and voices of her peers.

She also represents students at a district level as a primary delegate, collaborating with other leaders to address student concerns and improve the academic experience. As president of the International Student Association, Anel is dedicated to building an inclusive, welcoming space for students from around the world, organizing events and resources to support both their academic and personal success.

Beyond leadership roles, she has contributed to academic research on mental health representation in comics, exploring how visual storytelling shapes public understanding and awareness.

Anel's journey has been one of courage, determination, and transformation. From overcoming language barriers to stepping into leadership roles, she has turned every challenge into a stepping stone. Her passion for advocacy, financial empowerment, and community engagement continues to drive her forward — and she hopes her story will inspire others to find strength in their struggles and purpose in their persistence.

“Do not whine. Do not complain. **Work harder.** Spend more time alone.”

— Joan Didion



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