



## **Maritza Santos Rodriguez**

### **Graduated with a master's degree University of Houston, Class of 2019**

Born in Wichita, Kansas and raised as an only child in Baytown, Texas, Maritza's earliest memories related to her immediate and unwavering surroundings, REFINERIES. Fresh out of the University of Houston, C.T. Bauer College of Business with her master's degree in Accounting, it's no fluke that Maritza Rodriguez has been retained by the Controller's Division of Baytown's largest employer, ExxonMobil Corporation. Having been raised as the single stepchild to a refinery worker father and now engaged to a fellow ExxonMobil field operations technician, Maritza saw big business in her backyard. Where others saw production facilities and chemical plants, Maritza saw nothing but numbers in her backdrop. She grew up being comfortable in the world of oil and gas.

Displaying academic excellence with a 3.9 GPA, Maritza is the first person in her family to attend and complete college. Exhibiting a passion for leadership having served as President of the University of Houston Internal Audit Student Association, she faced immense challenge with four (4) full time internships at ExxonMobil, BMC Software and Grant Thornton LLC whilst completing her degree. Maritza never doubted her professional trajectory. Regardless of returning to ExxonMobil's Baytown campus or adjusting to one its global operations, Maritza will be right at home in a way, only instead of gazing upon refineries, her landscape will be the world the numbers that it's made of.

#### **From Maritza:**

*"Being recognized for all the hard work I put in is gratifying but knowing that the FEI believes in my performance and in my future is what I believe is the true reward."*

*"I can't wait to one day join FEI and have the ability help other struggling students get over the hurdle to graduation."*

*"I am very thankful to FEI for granting me the opportunity to finish school."*

*"I am very excited to join Exxon Mobil Corporation. They offer so many global opportunities in the fields of accounting and audit."*

