The Angel Mendez '14 Challenge for the Stephens Fund

About Angel Mendez '14

As a professional storyteller, Angel makes a difference. Her goal is to engage C-suite members to create strong communications strategies with talented teams who will drive business priorities. She’s a proud Stephens woman!

“Professors connected our class work to the real world, guiding us to produce portfolio pieces critical in making us stand out to employers,” Angel says. “The technical skill sets I learned at Stephens — from graphic design to video production — are my most sought-after assets by every employer I’ve served.”

Outside the classroom and standing six-foot-tall as a first-year student, she only wore sneakers. Her best friend told Angel that if it made her happy to wear heels, she should do it. “I’ve been wearing heels ever since,” she says.

Confident in herself and with the backing of the Stephens community, Angel is grateful for the hand up she received, and feels she must reach a hand back to help her sisters on campus.

“How many times I meet a Stephens alumna, I know I’ve just met a friend.”

About the Challenge

Angel believes in Stephens’ mission and vision for the future, and her commitment to educating women to be influencers in their personal and professional sectors.

Only five years since graduation, she made a stretch gift with a five-year pledge of $1,000 a year: “I have no idea where I’ll find it, but I want to start the habit.” Angel believes the Stephens Fund is the best use of her philanthropy to assure students pursue an evolving academic program preparing them to lead the good lives of their fellow Stephens women. “I am indebted to Stephens for changing my life.”

Angel knows that today’s women need Stephens. “For only $84 a month, Stephens is my priority for all of my future sisters.” She challenges her sisters to “join me.”

How the Challenge Works

The Mendez ’14 Challenge will provide a 1:1 match for

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About the Sursum Society

Alumnae and alumni, parents and friends are all members of the community of support opening the doors for the women leaders of each generation. The Stephens Fund is the College’s highest philanthropic priority helping underwrite scholarships, experiences, challenging coursework, internships and career services. Contributions from Sursum Society members represent the largest source of funding for the College.

Sursum! represents the best of Stephens College’s rich traditions and engaged community. Located in the heart of the Stephens College campus in Journey Plaza, the sculpture serves as an inspiring reminder of the power of education to transform women’s lives.

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