



### **Julie Foudy Sports Leadership Academy Scholarship - Belinda J. Ruvalcaba**

My name is Belinda J. Ruvalcaba, I am 15 years old, and I go to Clayton Valley High School. I have been playing soccer for over 8 years now, and I love my sport. I play for Heritage Soccer Club, Magic Team Class One. I was born in Santa Ana, Ca. and I grew up watching soccer games on TV every weekend and the World Cup every four years. Me being Hispanic, and my dad coming from Mexico, my team is Mexico. I watch every single game they play, and watch every tournament Mexico teams have twice a year.

When I was invited to go to the Julie Foudy Soccer Camp, I wasn't that sure about it, because the first thing that came to my head was "I don't know anybody" and I was nervous. But then I met Ann Kletz, and she is awesome, she worked with me couple of times, and I learned so much from her. So my mom did everything she could to get me a scholarship, and I did go to the camp. When I got there I was scared, and still the same thing in my head "I don't know anybody"...But by Monday afternoon I had friends and everything turned around, not afraid anymore, or nervous. I was having a great time. I learned so much in one week, that I never thought how much I was going to love this camp. My trainers were great, and I saw and heard things that I never thought I would. I learned that leadership is a major part in soccer, and I see my sport in a different way. When I came back home I made a promise to myself, that I was going to dedicate myself to school and my club soccer team. I told my coach everything I learned and he is so proud of me because he says that I am a different girl out in the field since I came back from the camp.

I have talk to all my friends about it. I want to come back next year...But I have a request, please make a Mexico team for the World Cup. :)))

Thank You So Much Julie for giving me the opportunity to come to this camp, and hopefully I will be able to come back next year. And Thank You Ann, for inviting me...

I Love Soccer, and my goal is to become pro, and to inspire women to play this wonderful sport...No matter of our race, color, religion, or our own believes, or financial situation...Soccer is for everyone...