



Associated Colleges of Illinois

Meya Angeles
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ACI Peer Mentee and ACI Peer Mentor



[Dominican University's](#) Meya Angeles is a first-generation college student and is thankful for ACI's support. "If I didn't have the ACI mentor that I had, I wouldn't be the person I am today," she says. "I'd be just another student and maybe not be in college anymore."

Now a sophomore at Dominican, Angeles is majoring in architectural engineering, a program which will lead to a mathematics degree from Dominican and an architectural engineering degree from Illinois Institute of Technology. Angeles wants to be licensed architect, an interest she developed at a young age in Mexico, watching her father work with blueprints and at construction jobsites. Going to school in the Chicago area has heightened her career interest. "Every time I walk downtown, I am amazed. I love the architecture from Chicago, and I have a passion for engineering and architecture," Angeles says. She's also interested in computer science.

An ACI peer mentor at Dominican helped Angeles find resources and participate in many university happenings during her freshman year. "She was a guide that I needed to survive my freshman year. She reminded me I was not alone," she says. Now Angeles is a peer mentor to incoming students.