



SWEET SONG OF SUCCESS

Bauer accounting student pursues love of music and number crunching

By Amanda Sebesta

For Bauer College accounting senior Meggie Reynoso, life has been a lot like one of the songs she loves to sing in church — the beginning starts in almost a whisper, building through the middle to a triumphant crescendo.

“I’ve always been very musical,” Reynoso said. “My mom put me in piano lessons when I was in the first grade, and I did that for about five years. It wasn’t until my eighth grade year when I competed in a talent competition in Los Angeles that I started taking singing seriously.”

From there, Reynoso developed a love of performing that has led her to participate in many more talent competitions, including a recent audition for NBC’s *The Voice*.


“The *Voice*’s auditions came to Houston, and I wanted to go, at least to see what it was all about. It was a long process, but only about 30 seconds to audition and get your answer.”

Unfortunately, that answer for Reynoso was a “no,” but she didn’t let the experience

deter her from the joy she finds in performing, which she still does regularly at church and on her own.

“Playing music and singing helps me through bad situations, or just to pass the time,” she said. “It makes me feel happy and worthy that I have talent. It’s my getaway from the world.”

Reynoso applies the same *joie de vivre* to a seemingly opposite passion for accounting. She plans to become a certified public accountant after she graduates. Much like her musical path, Reynoso has overcome



*Accounting senior
Meggie Reynoso uses
music as an escape and
also as a passion for a
career one day.*

obstacles in her studies and come through it stronger and more determined to succeed.

“After transferring to Bauer, I learned a lot about school and the real world,” she said.



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“I never had great study habits — in fact, I would always wait until the last minute to study. But when I got to UH, that all changed. My first semester taught me how to study ahead and to look over the notes

the same night, after class was over, to make sure I understood and didn't forget the information.”

Reynoso is also involved with Bauer student organizations, including the Bauer Women Society, where she serves as media director.

“It's helped me make friends and network to form study groups within my classes,” she said.

In both her academic career and her musical aspirations, Reynoso has learned not to let failures prevent her from moving forward.

“If you love doing something, and it's your passion, keep chasing that dream and work hard because it will pay off. Don't give up, especially if someone tells you that you can't do it. All you need to do is prove to them that you can.”

MEGGIE'S FAVORITES

Top 3 Cover Songs

1. Irreplaceable - Beyoncé
2. The Way I Am - Ingrid Michaelson
3. I Choose You - Sara Bareilles

Top 3 Accounting Goals

1. Become a CPA
2. Work for a company I enjoy
3. Be of great service to others

Top 3 Music Goals

1. Continue singing for as long as possible
2. Sing Christian music for church conferences
3. Get more YouTube subscribers (Help Meggie reach this goal by visiting [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and searching “Meggie Reynoso” to find her music channel!)