Rivas discovered an opportunity with the Arizona Assurance Scholars Program, which offered her a chance to work with a mentor who could help her navigate her college experience. This mentor, a woman who had already completed her undergrad work at the University of Arizona, helped Rivas to set boundaries and established a formal mentorship.

Rivas found that the mentorship program was beneficial in several aspects. She was able to get advice on how to plan her coursework, which helped her manage her time more effectively. Additionally, the mentor helped Rivas to develop a sense of community, which was crucial for her transition to college. 

Rivas credits the mentorship program with helping her to focus on her academic goals and understand the importance of setting boundaries. She was also able to get advice on how to balance her academic responsibilities with her social life. This helped her to prioritize her time and energy, which was crucial for her academic success.

Rivas notes that the mentorship program has been instrumental in her development as a student and as a future professional. She plans to continue working with her mentor and to seek out additional mentorship opportunities in the future.

The mentorship program has been successful in helping students like Rivas to navigate their college experience and to develop the skills and knowledge needed to succeed. The program offers students a unique opportunity to build relationships with experienced mentors who can provide guidance and support. 

Rivas encourages other students to consider participating in a mentorship program, as it can be a valuable resource for personal and professional development.