SMUD #2 MBA for Executives student Maria Medrano likes to get things done. The Cisco analyst had completed her masters in Organizational Development at Sonoma State and was looking for some classes to take as part of her company’s leadership development program when she discovered the Sacramento State College of Business Administration EMBA program.

The most challenging and most rewarding part of the experience was the diversity of the students she worked with in her problem-solving project, creating a mentorship program for Latina women. The mother of two was used to getting things done quickly and found that not everyone was on her timetable. At the same time, she enjoyed learning about the different industries represented by her fellow cohorts.

“It was an enormous commitment, but it was worth every minute,” Medrano said. After graduation Medrano plans to look into teaching evenings at a community college to share what she has learned while growing her career at Cisco.

At press time:

Congratulations! Maria was recently promoted to Business Analyst, Customer Loyalty at Cisco WebEx.