

## **ABSFE Bio: Lillyan Fuentes**

I am currently a full-time student at the American Academy McAllister Institute (AAMI) with two semesters left until completion of the funeral service program, and a 2020 graduate of SUNY Fredonia where I obtained my bachelor's degree in Biology. Presently, I am a full-time PTF Clerk with the USPS simultaneously attending AAMI remotely and offering my assistance to any local funeral homes who may need it; I love to learn and expand my knowledge on the field as much as possible.

My hometown is Brocton, NY but I actively reside in Jamestown where I just bought my first home with my husband and our two wired hair dachshund puppies. While I was not originally aware of the possibilities within the funeral industry at the end of my four-year biology program, an unexpected Type 1 Diabetic diagnosis and coinciding health scare helped me connect my love for science and assisting individuals in need to find a deep-rooted passion for this career path. I am very much so grateful that I have been selected as a scholarship recipient and I look forward to being capable of continuing my education due to this award!