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9716580-3-5. pap. \$8.95.

Gr 6+—This back-to-back Spanish/English guide for the college-bound student is geared toward Hispanic youth and their families. Promoting education in a culturally sensitive and non-intimidating way, the authors present the story of Graciela, a teenager with a dream that at first appears outside the scope of her working class family's means and priorities. Curiosity pushes Graciela to query her teachers and guidance counselors. Timid, but steadfast, she gathers essential information and advice. However, she must persuade her foreign-born, uneducated parents of the feasibility and worth of attending college. Once convinced, her parents not only support Graciela's goal, but become crusaders for others in the community. Each chapter serves as a step-by-step guide for college readiness. The appendix, a checklist for parents, breaks down the preparation process from sixth through twelfth grade, where a month by month pre-college timeline is provided. Highly recommended for all libraries serving a Hispanic population.—*Gisela Norat, Associate Professor of Spanish, Agnes Scott College, Decatur, GA*