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Marla comes to PIE, bringing her knowledge as a Gender and Women Studies major from the University of Illinois at Chicago. She has an intense interest in understanding the ways in which race, gender, class and other factors affect peoples' lives. Marla recently conducted a research project which focused on the school to prison pipeline in place in Chicago's low-income communities of people of color. A key part of her research looked at the racialized and gendered underpinnings of the education system in Chicago and measuring the effectiveness of restorative practices. Marla curated a week-long, on-campus event called The Revolution Will Be Intersectional, where she worked with her peers in developing a four-part series examining immigration, prisons, gentrification, and military occupation from an intersectional lens. She counts among her strengths, good organization and planning skills; great communication skills -both written and verbal; and the ability to multi-task and meet deadlines. Marla gained a variety of part-time work experience while in high school and college, resulting in highly transferable skills such as self-management, time management, and motivation. In one of her roles, she served as a guest speaker for the Wood's Family Foundation Pitch-In program, which she discussed the high school and college admission process at Lawndale Community Academy.