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## College Degrees are a Family Affair at Metro

- [Father and son](#) Patrick and Brian Astredo
- [Sister and brother](#) are children of Eduardo Perez
- [Husband and wife](#) Joel and Leticia Felix-Sanchez

### Like Father, Like Son

When he received his AA from Cerritos College more than 10 years ago, continuing his educated wasn't in the cards for Patrick Astredo, Equipment Maintenance manager. But, this spring, Astredo and his son, Brian, both graduated with their Bachelor's degrees.

Astredo received a BA in Business from the University of Phoenix, graduating with honors. His son graduated from Loyola Marymount University with a BA in communications.

Astredo explains that timing was everything for him to be able fulfill his dream of going back to get his degree. With Brian living and working on campus at LMU, Astredo could devote the time needed for his studies.

"I thought about upper mobility and doing it for myself," says Astredo. "I wanted to prove that I could do it." – *Sarah Winfrey*

### One After the Other

Eduardo Perez's children seem to follow each other around a lot. It seemed that way when Edward, 23, and Stephanie, 22, chose the same university.

Both the Perez children, who immigrated to the United States from the Philippines as children, went to the University of California at Riverside. Edward received his Bachelor's in political science last fall and Stephanie received her Bachelor's in mathematics this spring.

"It's like paying for two Mercedes-Benzes'," says their father.

The family immigrated to the U.S. when the kids were just four and five years old, and one of their first priorities was the children's



Grad Brian Astredo, at left, with his father Patrick Astredo. Both graduated with bachelor's degrees. "I am very proud of my children for completing their education... I was just glad I could keep up them," said proud father Patrick, equipment maintenance manager at Fleet Services.

education.

"We are happy that they finished college...this is what we wanted for them," says Perez.

It looks as if their university experiences are far from over. Edward will be attending CSU Fullerton in the fall, and it seems that his sister might not be too far behind.

Perez says that he told his children they can either find a full time job or continue their education. – Sarah Winfrey



Family grads> Leticia Felix-Sanchez and husband Joel, with daughter Audrey, celebrate dual degrees.

**Family Kept Them Together**

Leticia L. Felix-Sanchez, Human Resources Employment Services clerk, and her husband, Joel, have hectic schedules.

She works during the day and went to school at night. He has an unpaid internship, works as a transporter for an Arcadia hospital, and studied to become a radiology technician.

But it was worth it, as both Leticia and Joel graduated this year—he from Pasadena City College with an AS in radiology, she from Cal Poly Pomona with a BS in human resources.

Meanwhile, Audrey Lauren Sanchez—the couple’s four-year-old daughter currently in pre-school—watched her parents work hard for their respective degrees.

"She had a graduation for her preschool," said Leticia, "so she

was like, 'Okay, now it's mommy's turn, and it's daddy's turn next weekend.'" – Reina V. Slutske