



## **DANIELLE SANTOS**

Danielle Santos was born, raised and currently lives in East Boston Massachusetts. She is the daughter of two Brazilian immigrants who came to America for a better future. By the time she was 10 years old, Danielle survived three critical brain surgeries. After her extensive recovery period including a brief

coma, she was persistent to have her life back. Since the age of 15, Danielle has been involved in her community through performing arts, volunteering and mentoring at nonprofits such as Strong Women Strong Girls and Tenacity. Danielle attended high school at Boston Arts Academy, and was able to obtain a GPA that led to a full ride to the University of Massachusetts Boston where she pursued a Bachelors in Marketing as a Peter Gammons Scholar. It has been two years since graduating UMB, she has shifted her focus and is passionate in pursuing a career in the nonprofit sector. She wants to have her own nonprofit; that focuses on youth mental health and deals with life-long chronic diseases. In her free time she enjoys recording podcast episodes and hiking with her local hiking community. Danielle's philosophy in life is based on the quote by Nelson Mandela, "A winner is a dreamer who never gives up."