Writing Assignment #1

Read “Belicia Cespedes: A CPA at 17” in the July, 2015 issue of the Journal of Accountancy (published by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants). You can access the article at:


Write a reaction paper using the following parameters:

1. Summarize the main points of the article. Be brief and to the point. Give some thought to this; do not just re-write the article or regurgitate the executive summary contained in the article. Two or three paragraphs should suffice. If you must use more do it, but try to remember that in business writing, as in many other communications, if you don't get the attention of your audience quickly, all is lost.

2. Give your reaction and recommendations. This is your opinion. Use whatever documentation you need to support your arguments, both from the article and from your own experiences. Don't be shy and don't try to be "politically correct." I want to know what you think. For purposes of this assignment, the way you express your opinion is more important than the position you take. Try to do this part using no more words than you did in the summary.

3. Did you find the article inspiring as to what you can accomplish? Has the article changed your thinking as to how successful you can be in whatever career you choose?