One fun fact about herself
Antonio played on Pacific’s softball team all four years of school and had a 1.00 stolen base percentage!

Current environmental work
Antonio graduated last year with her degree in environmental toxicology. Since then she has been working at an analytical food and water testing laboratory in Hawaii. Food, agricultural and other companies come to the laboratory to test for food, drink and wastewater safety. She currently is in charge of running both microbiological and chemical tests including analysis of total coliform bacteria, E. Coli, listeria, salmonella, BOD, TSS, TDS, and heavy metals as well as many others. She then reports the results of the analyses to the companies to help them understand if they are meeting FDA and EPA standards.

Future goals in the area of the environment
Antonio is currently working towards getting her Masters Degree in criminal justice administration. She has plans to tailor her future career to have an environmental focus.

How Pacific influenced her interest in sustainability and the environment
The Center for Civic Engagement was the organization at Pacific that first piqued Antonio’s interest in sustainability and the environment. She was taking a civic engagement class and worked on a project called “Gifts for Good” where she took recyclable items and made them into holiday gifts. She then put on an event where she sold her recycled material gifts to students and faculty. All the proceeds were donated to Harvey Clarke Elementary School and used towards the building of a student-run sustainable garden. This experience inspired her to learn more environmental and sustainability issues.

Advice for Pacific students wanting to pursue careers in sustainability and the environment
Antonio advises students to “Take advantage of networking, faculty and staff. Use your advisors and professors as mentors. They truly go above and beyond and will help you even after you have graduated. Use on-campus resources, go to office hours and put yourself out there.”