LiLiana Jimenez

LiLiana will be attending Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. She graduated from Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School with a grade point average of 3.6. She traveled to France and Spain for one month during the summer between her junior and senior year. She will be receiving more than $250,000 in scholarships to attend Bates College.

Sarai Martinez

Sarai graduated with a 3.8 grade point average from De La Salle Institute. She looks forward to studying psychology at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, with nearly $200,000 in scholarships. During the summer between her junior and senior year, Sarai studied at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana.

Rafael Mendez

Rafael graduated from St. Patrick High School with a 3.5 grade point average. Before his senior year, Rafael spent the summer at Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, Connecticut for a summer enrichment experience. As a graduate of St. Patrick High School, he excelled in the classroom while being actively involved in clubs. He will be attending DePaul University in Greencastle, Indiana this fall. Rafael is the fifth person in his family to graduate from HighSight.

Marco Perez

Marco graduated from De La Salle Institute with a 4.3 grade point average. He will be attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He attended Phillips Exeter Academy to study criminal justice, architecture and English, the summer before his senior year. Receiving more than $100,000 in scholarships from the University of Illinois over the next four years, Marco plans on studying law and eventually joining the FBI.

Angelicca Telles

Angelicca is attending Pomona College in Claremont, California. She graduated with honors from St. Ignatius College Prep and is a Chicago Scholars recipient. The summer before her senior year, she traveled with AFS Intercultural Programs and spent seven weeks living with a host family and teaching English in Thailand. She will be receiving more than $200,000 in scholarships.

Natasha Wright

Natasha is attending Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois. During her high school career at Trinity High School, Natasha participated in theatre, chamber choir, and various service projects. The summer before her senior year, Natasha was at The Putney School where she participated in their performing arts program.
I was playing video games, munching on enchiladas rajas, at my Tia Iruma’s house when I got the phone call. Seriously, pull me away from “Call of Duty”? My aunt told me I needed to go to the hospital. Something bad happened to my dad. It was this day that changed my entire perspective.

At the hospital, I saw my dad. Bloody, sweaty, and tired yet strong. When he saw me, he assured me and asked if I had finished my homework. Flashbacks of the “Call of Duty” passed through my head and even though I wasn’t still told him I was done. He had a nail stuck deep into the flesh on his thumb. The doctor had to remove it and his hand would never again be the same.

He does that and so much more for me. He works in a factory for unimaginable hours so that I can get an education, so that I can attend a competitive high school and so that I do not ever have to worry about my thumbs. And, I spent my entire freshman and sophomore years as a minimalist, perfecting my skills on many video games. Lazy. I realized at that moment the importance of the sacrifice my family makes, the importance of my education and mostly, the opportunity that I was about to let pass by.

As a junior, I began to demonstrate the respect I felt for my dad. Doing my homework, holding a pen with my right thumb, I began to work harder. I gave up video games and even began to enjoy math, numbers simply made me enjoy school. My dad was greatly delighted by the effort put towards my improvement and finally I felt as if my aspirations began to grow.

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My favorite HighSight memory is when I was the Dunham award my senior year of high school. Mark Dunham’s father had recently passed away and his family decided to create an award in honor of his father’s name. The award was given to a graduating scholar who exemplified the HighSight mission statement, “Go Another Mile.” Proudly, I accepted the award. I remember talking with my mom the night of my HighSight graduation and hearing her say how proud she was of me for working hard in high school. She knew academics did not come easily to me because I was distracted and was unmotivated my first year of high school. In all honesty, without HighSight helping me complete my weekly homework, I probably would not have finished high school.

Today, I am happily married and a Sales Operations Supervisor at COW.