

Adelante Scholarship Night 2019

The Merrimack Valley YMCA raised more than \$25,000 to support the Adelante Scholarship Program at the Lawrence YMCA through the Adelante Scholarship Raffle and Reception, which took place on November 21st at Salvatore's in Lawrence.

The Adelante program provides educational and scholarship support to middle school students applying to private high schools. The event was a great opportunity to hear from students, alumni, teachers and volunteers.

The Adelante students at the Lawrence YMCA commit their time,

energy and effort to developing into stronger students. When accepted to the high school of their choice, most are awarded financial assistance from the school. However, most families still face a significant gap in what they can afford and what they are asked to pay.

The Adelante Scholarships help close this gap so the students can continue to achieve academic success throughout their high school journey and beyond. This year, The YMCA awarded more than \$40,000 in scholarships to our scholars in grades 9-12. For more information or to make a donation to the program, please visit www.mvymca.org/adelante



Adelante scholars Natalee Rios, Ariannys Germosen, Kialise DeLeon, Bladimir Hiraldo, Edgar Tavares, and Elias Bouzid with Merrimack Valley YMCA COO Patrick Ryan and CFO Cathy Landry



Sophia Bouzid and Adelante scholar Sarah Theeb with Sarah's brother Mohamad Theeb



Juana Naveo with Lawrence YMCA Board member Ruby Balborda and Merrimack Valley YMCA President and CEO Frank Kenneally



Adelante Scholar and St. John's Prep Junior, Harry Pimentel and Adelante Alumnus and Lawrence YMCA Board member Felix Garcia with Adelante Program Director Ryan Middlemiss



Lawrence Y Board member Rosa Munoz with Carlos Marquez



VP of Marketing and Membership Jim Kapelson with Adelante teacher Bo Baird and Alumnus and Lawrence YMCA Board member Felix Garcia.



Tricia Melvin with Board of Directors member John Fouhy and Chris Sullivan, President of Central Catholic High School. Central Catholic is a long-time partner of the Adelante program and the YMCA.



Adelante scholars practiced some of the skills they have been learning by talking with supporters at the event including Lawrence YMCA Board member Ruby Balborda

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Anyone interested in signing up for morning or evening classes should call MVIEC, The Merrimack Valley Immigrant & Education Center at 978-683-7316. Check out the MVIEC's website at www.mviec.org for directions and more details.

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