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# 2021 ADELANTE SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT



THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2021

# MERRIMACK VALLEY YMCA

## ADELANTE SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION

### THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2021



**6:00 PM**

#### **WELCOME**

Nayely Almanzar, Youth Host

**6:05 PM**

#### **OPENING REMARKS**

Claudia J. Soo Hoo, COO, Merrimack Valley YMCA

#### **STUDENT IMPACT**

Lenis Perez, Associate Executive Director of Youth Development

**Stories and Introductions:** Nayely Almanzar

#### **OUR YEAR IN REVIEW**

Bo Baird, Adelante Teacher

**Video:** Current Adelante Students

#### **ADELANTE ALUMNI PARENTS**

Cesar Gonzalez-Telez

**Video:** Adelante Alumni

#### **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

Joseph Agosto, Executive Director, Lawrence YMCA

**Video:** Stakeholders

#### **ADELANTE ALUM**

Felix Garcia, Central Catholic- Class of 2009

**6:50 PM**

#### **SCHOLARSHIP APPEAL**

**6:55 PM**

#### **RAFFLE DRAWING**

Amari King, Marketing, Merrimack Valley YMCA

**7:00 PM**

#### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Frank Kenneally, CEO/President Merrimack Valley YMCA

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## SCHOLAR BIOS



### SOPHIA BOUZID

**CURRENTLY ATTENDS:** Lawrence Family Development Charter School

**FAVORITE SUBJECT:** English Language Arts

**WILL ATTEND:** Fryeburg Academy

My favorite subject in school is English Language Arts and I enjoy writing poems about what's happening around the world. Adelante really helped me with my high school placement tests and preparing for interviews. After high school, I plan to go to college and study in the medical field to become a Veterinarian in the future.



### IDALIS DE JESUS

**CURRENTLY ATTENDS:** Community Day Charter School - Prospect

**FAVORITE SUBJECT:** English Language Arts

**WILL ATTEND:** Miss Hall's School

In addition to my interest in reading and writing, I really like to participate in dance and community service – something I hope to continue to do in the future. Adelante has provided me with so many resources and the teachers have been so helpful. After high school, I plan on going to college in hopes of pursuing a career in either nursing, psychology, or a travel-related field.

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### DESTINY PERKINS

**CURRENTLY ATTENDS:** Robert Frost Middle School

**FAVORITE SUBJECT:** Math

**WILL ATTEND:** Central Catholic

My favorite subject in school is math and my hobbies include baking and painting. I love to be a part of clubs and try as many sports as possible. I also love spending time with my family and I'm excited to carry on the same tradition my brother did and my grandfather before him by going to Central Catholic.



### KAMILA GARCIA

**CURRENTLY ATTENDS:** Lawrence Catholic Academy

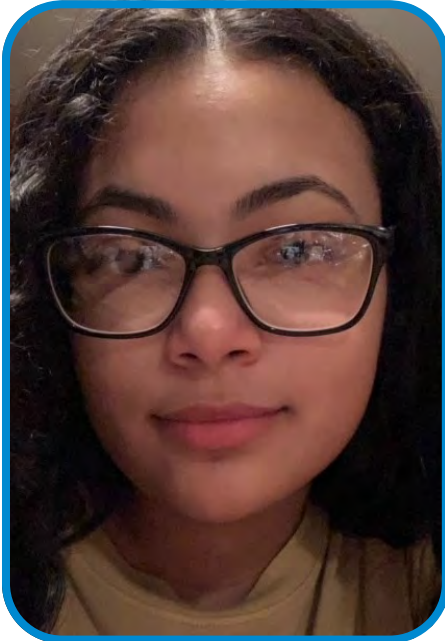
**FAVORITE SUBJECT:** Art

**WILL ATTEND:** Phillips Academy

I enjoy art and plan to participate in theatre throughout high school. Adelante really helped me prepare for the high school process by helping me to be sure I was completing each task in a timely manner. Adelante is important to me because the program has helped countless students through the application process, including members of my family.

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### LYFE IRAOLA

**CURRENTLY ATTENDS:** Robert Frost Middle School

**WILL ATTEND:** Notre Dame Cristo Rey

My hobbies include reading and drawing. In high school, I hope to participate in the corporate work study program and learn about medical school. When I'm older, I hope to become an anesthesiologist.



### AMOS VACHIER

**CURRENTLY ATTENDS:** Wetherbee School

**FAVORITE SUBJECT:** Math

**WILL ATTEND:** Abbott Academy

When I'm not in school, I love playing basketball. For me, the best thing about the Adelante program is learning about Lawrence history. It's fun to learn about how things were back in the day. The Adelante program helped me so much with the high school placement tests and more. After high school, I aspire to play professional basketball and hope to major in computer science.



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### **BRENDA JAVIER**

**CURRENTLY ATTENDS:** Parthum Middle School

**FAVORITE SUBJECT:** Math

**WILL ATTEND:** Abbott Academy

I really like my math class because I feel like I am really good at it. I also love participating in other extra-curricular activities such as theater. I am extremely excited to start high school and begin the next chapter of my life! When I graduate, I intend to go to college to study business or law – who knows?! All I know is that there's a lot to look forward to in the future and for now I am enjoying life one day at a time.



### **HAILEY JIMENEZ**

**CURRENTLY ATTENDS:** Community Day Charter  
School - Webster

**WILL ATTEND:** Notre Dame Cristo Rey

My favorite thing about the Adelante program is the teachers. They have been so supportive and really helped me through the high school process. After high school, I plan to go to college.

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### JAILIN PENA

**CURRENTLY ATTENDS:** Lawrence Family Development Charter School

**FAVORITE SUBJECT:** Math

**WILL ATTEND:** Notre Dame Cristo Rey

One of the things I like to do outside of school is play the piano. Adelante is important to me because I have made some amazing friends because of this program. After high school I hope to take the next step and go to college to become a nurse practitioner in dermatology.



### CHASTITY FORESHAW

**CURRENTLY ATTENDS:** Parthum Middle School

**FAVORITE SUBJECT:** Science

**WILL ATTEND:** Abbott Academy

One thing I really love about Adelante is the way that it tests your limits, both as a person as an intellectual. This program is important to me because it has opened my eyes to so many things: new opportunities and abilities that I never knew that I had.

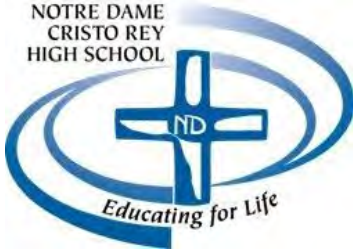
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## OTHER ADELANTE SCHOLARS

- ALYAHNA URENA
- DARIEL JAVIER
- ADRIAN LEON
- DAYVANIE MANON

# SCHOOLS STUDENTS ATTENDING IN 2021

NOTRE DAME  
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HIGH SCHOOL



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Pingree  
SCHOOL



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# ADELANTE PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- During the 2020-2021 program year, **15 eighth grade students completed the Adelante Program.**
- 100% of our Adelante School Success students were **accepted into a high school of their choice.**
- 100% of the Adelante Scholars who **applied to Central Catholic were accepted to the school and chosen as Montagne Scholars.**
- 100% of our Adelante School Success students are **accepted into a high school of their choice.**
- Our Adelante scholars were awarded more than **\$150,000 in additional awards from their schools for the 2021-2022 school year.**
- The 2021 class will be awarded **\$34k in scholarship assistance** throughout their high school years.
- **Each Adelante Scholar pledges to complete 100 hours of volunteer service** to the community per scholarship year.

*“The Adelante Program is a marvelous program that challenges and expands ones intellect, but that’s not all it is. It’s the people; the staff and students. Their energy, concern, charisma towards learning and infectious smiles, keep Adelante running. The members of Adelante look forward to coming back every time they leave. I am grateful to be part of a program like Adelante, where every member comes out a winner!”*

*- Adelante Participant*



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