

AASBCR[®] Sponsors a Grant Request – Midtown Educational Foundation Grant Report

As addressed in previous Newsletters, AASBCR[®] periodically provides grant requests to non-profit organizations that support worthy causes important to our members.

In May 2021, AASBCR[®] presented two checks for \$1000 each to the Midtown Educational Foundation to be used for scholarship support for two of their students. The Midtown Educational Foundation (MEF) guides low-income urban youth in Chicago along pathways of success. Their proven enrichment programs embrace the dignity of each participant by focusing on academic excellence, virtue development, individual attention and parental engagement.

The two recipients of \$1000 in scholarship support were Yuliana Camacho of the Metro Center for girls and Diego Vilchis from Midtown Center for boys.

Yuliana

Yuliana has been a member of the MEF program since fifth grade. Yuliana was selected because, in addition to being an exceptional student who is dedicated to her studies, she also has a very positive impact on everyone around her. She is a natural leader who sees the best in people and she is committed to being the best she can be. While she often takes a leadership role, she willingly supports others when they want to lead. Yuliana is also a great listener, open to new ideas and enthusiastic about whatever task she takes on. She is well liked by her classmates and a genuine friend to all.

In the Fall Yuliana plans to attend Dominican University.

Diego

Diego has been a member of the Midtown Community since the 4th grade, participating in both the school year and summer programs. He has a keen interest in psychology and math, and a talent for scientific inquiry. His advanced skills and passion for these subjects make him ideal for a career as an Allopathic Physician. He is a young man with very clear and specific goals. Diego has already identified Biomedical or Psychology as a field of study he would like to pursue and he has already done the research and planning necessary to make that goal a reality.

Diego's personal strengths are as impressive as his intellectual accomplishments. He's an active, outgoing presence in class with a great sense of humor. He's the perfect person to get a group project rolling, but he also knows how to sit back and let others take the lead. His cheerful nature and openness to feedback mean he's always learning and growing as a learner, an impressive strength that will continue to serve him well in college and beyond. He is just the kind of driven, engaging, and curious student that

helped make the MEF program a lively environment and a safe place to take intellectual risks.

Diego is currently enrolled in Medical Career Program at St. Laurence High School, a program which allows students to take classes to develop a better understanding of the career options in the healthcare industry. He plans to continue his education at the University of Illinois – Champaign/Urbana. Gabriel Avalos, Midtown College Orientation Program Director, said of Diego, "He embodies what we hope all our students strive for inside and outside the classroom. "

Rachel Palos, College Orientation Program Director, presents Yuliana with \$1000 Scholarship award.





Gabriel Avalos, College Orientation Program Director, presents Diego with \$1000 Scholarship Award.