Gómez, a fourth-year student at Notre Dame de Caguas College, aspires to become an aerospace engineer. As a young senior, he has excelled in physics, math and other competitions. In addition, he received acceptance from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), an institution that is also on the list of the 100 best universities in the United States.

“My path towards college began with Kinesis Bright Stars and their academic counseling. The program allowed access to countless resources to plan my academic career. Specifically, counselor Norma Soler has been the person who was always by my side to answer questions I had during the admissions process and the one that connected me with several alumni of universities I expressed an interest in, in order to talk with them about their experiences. Without Kinesis advising me, I don’t know if I could have been able to achieve everything I achieved.”  

ÁNGEL GÓMEZ

Currently, Melanie courses through 12th grade in University Gardens High School and while she works tirelessly to obtain impressive grades, she also has managed to gain many experiences and exceptional recognitions. Amongst these, she is known and recognized as an excellent leader, she has had high honors for academic excellence since 2015 and she has also been a part of diverse enrichening educational and professional programs. Additionally, she has had excellent participation in scientific symposiums and competitions, all while also having the “Hispanic Scholar Recognition”. With all the dedication and commitment Melanie has given to reach her goal, she was offered five admission offerings from various prestigious universities from all around the United States, along with merit-based scholarships and even more opportunities.

“"This year has been incomparable. After tireless semesters working for my future in my classes and extracurricular activities, I have been able to harvest the products of my effort...In academic terms, I have been offered admission to five universities all around the United States with merit-based scholarships: Marquette University, Rochester Institute of Technology, University of Rochester, Syracuse University and Haverford College."”  

MELANIE PÉREZ

“SUCCESS STORIES”
Since childhood, Christian has aspired to understand how certain processes around him worked. This helped him complete a bachelor’s degree in Chemical Engineering at the University of Puerto Rico’s Mayagüez Campus. The desire to complete a doctoral degree began in 2016, when he had the opportunity to do research in the area of engineering materials at Mayagüez. He also did research at the SURE program of the Georgia Institute of Technology in 2017 and at the CISTAR program at Purdue University in 2018. All of these projects focused on sustainable energy production and environmental conservation.

“Thanks to the Kinesis Foundation, I will have the opportunity of a new adventure as a doctoral student of the Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering program at the University of Notre Dame. This scholarship will allow me to contribute to a better world and will give me the opportunity to continue graduate studies without having to worry about the financial aspects of completing the highest possible academic degree. I will be eternally grateful to the foundation for allowing Puerto Rican students to show the world what we are made of.”

- Christian Villa

MICHAEL MONTALVO RIVERA is a Kinesis Scholarship Alumni who became a scientist.

Raised in a public residential, this young man has made education the door to achieve his dreams. He walked a path full of challenges, including economic disadvantages, which he had to overcome to reach his goals. All his effort allowed him to be on the Dean’s List and be recognized with the President’s Award between 2016 and 2019. In addition, he was part of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society of the university institution where he was trained.

Michael Montalvo now celebrates having been accepted under a fellowship of the University of Notre Dame to pursue his doctoral degree.

CHRISTIAN VILLA SANTOS is a Kinesis Scholarship Alumni who was chosen to join the University of Notre Dame’s doctoral program. There he will begin the next phase of his academic career as a Chemical and Biomolecular Engineer.
Athlete and lover of the biomedical sciences. Jasmal Cruz is a Bright Stars student who, thanks to her passion for sports and academic discipline, received a full athletic scholarship for Delaware University. In addition, the St. Mary’s School student, accepted to be part of the volleyball team of the university institution under the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA, for its acronym in English).

“Without a doubt, being part of the Bright Star program of the Kinesis Foundation has given me many opportunities, as were the reviews given for standardized tests, which made it possible to obtain a competitive score, as well as certifications and leadership modules, which have definitely managed to strengthen my goals. Although the road is a difficult one and with thousands of obstacles, I always advise others to never give up. There are no limits when you want to achieve dreams. Once science said that I was not going to be able, today I am the one who tells science I could. Always give your best in everything you propose.” - Jasmal Cruz

Rodriguez Rivera, who aspires to become a doctor, plans to begin his career as a Chemistry major, and continue as a premed student at the same institution.

During the entire application process for university admission, the young man received the necessary guidance and tools from counselor Norma Soler of Kinesis Foundation, which resulted in this student fulfilling one of his dreams.

“Since middle school I aspired to study at the best universities, such as Stanford. Although I always had faith and tried very hard to achieve such a long-awaited dream, it was difficult to think of being accepted in this university because it was very selective. Everything was thanks to the help and support of my family, the CIMATEC staff and Kinesis Foundation.” - Juan Diego Rivera
Originally from Moca, this young man has had a clear goal of becoming an engineer since he was very young. His first steps were in robotics, field where he won several awards nationally and globally. This drive pushed him to transcend beyond all the limitations he faced, such as lack of resources, living in the northwest area of the island.

During the month of October 2017, after September’s Hurricane Maria, he was one of the students chosen to be part of a video-conference linking Earth to the International Space Station thanks to a satellite connection. There, he talked with Puerto Rican astronaut Joseph Acaba.

In 2018 he was part of the team which won the Judges’ Award at the World Robotics Championship, an event featured as one of the most important in this field worldwide. This award is presented to the team that demonstrates a successful execution and excels during an extensive interview process.

That same year he appeared as one of the 500 students accepted into the Harvard Pre-College Program, where he had the opportunity to take classes at the university level taught by professors of the prestigious university, such as intellectual property laws, writing, philosophy, among others.

NELSON BADILLO,
a student of the Bright Stars Program at Kinesis, gained admission to the University of Notre Dame, a university that enjoys solid standing under the national ranking and is positioned among the top 100 places in the United States.

“I want to thank the entire foundation (Kinesis) and its team for their dedication and motivation. Thanks to the IT Academy (Microsoft Office Specialist) courses, I was able to expand my knowledge of programming and technology that are essential skills that will help me in my future as a professional. I know that with Kinesis by my side, I will achieve my dreams.”

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