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AMHS scholar earns full scholarship to attend Notre Dame

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North Charleston, SC — Students from Academic Magnet High School (AMHS) earn significant amounts of money in scholarships every year to attend prestigious colleges and universities throughout the United States. Rey Ortiz Bautista joins the long list of Raptors moving on to institutions of higher learning on a full-ride; the senior at AMHS will attend the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, IN thanks to the funding he is receiving through [QuestBridge's National College Match Scholarship \(Match Scholarship\)](#).

Bautista is one of over 18,500 applicants in QuestBridge's 2020 Match Scholarship program, one of 6,885 Finalists to be considered for the Match Scholarship, and one of 1,464 students ([highest number since the program started in 2003](#)) who have been recognized as Match Scholarship Recipients.

Bautista is interested in studying pre-med and economics at the college level; he plays soccer and is part of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

"Rey Ortiz Bautista is an extraordinarily deserving young man and this scholarship recognition confirms all of our hopes and expectations for Rey's future," said Principal Catherine Spencer. "He has challenged himself with eight Advanced Placement courses over his high school career while maintaining an exceptional GPA. We are certainly not surprised that he merited the attention of the University of Notre Dame, and we could not be prouder of this Raptor!"

The Match Scholarship is offered as part of a financial aid package provided by the college that covers the full cost of attendance, including tuition, room and board, books and supplies, and travel expenses.

The 2020 Match Scholarship recipients have an average unweighted GPA of 3.93, and 94 percent are in the top 10 percent of their graduating class. Of the students who reported standardized testing, 82 percent scored above 1260 on the SAT and 84 percent scored above 27 on the ACT. Financially, 87 percent qualify for free or reduced-price school meals.

The majority of these new QuestBridge Scholars (78 percent) are among the first generation in their families to attend a four-year college in the United States.

Since 2003, the QuestBridge National College Match has successfully connected over 8,850 students with full scholarships at college partners. These 2020 Match Scholarship Recipients become the first QuestBridge Scholars for the Class of 2025. Based on previous years, it is estimated that over 2,000 Finalists will be admitted to QuestBridge college partners later in the year through Early and Regular Decision processes.

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally-accredited school district that is committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all of its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves more than 50,000 students in 87 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools. Options include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military.