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Two International High School Students Accepted Into Ivy League Schools Through Questbridge Scholarships

Two International High School (IHS) students will be attending Ivy League schools in the Fall through Questbridge's Match Scholarship. Lucy Cano-Bartolo will be going to Dartmouth College in New Hampshire and Nairenny Jimenez will be going to Wesleyan University in Connecticut. The scholarship is reserved for students with outstanding academic performance in advanced placement classes who are from families earning less than \$65,000 annually for a household of four. Through this program, the students have been accepted on early admission and will each have a full four-year scholarship, worth over \$200,000 that will cover all related expenses for their post-secondary education.

Lucy Cano-Bartolo is very happy to have been matched with Dartmouth College, as is her family, especially since she is the first person in her family to attend college. Her family came from Mexico with a dream to provide a better life for their child, which she fulfilled through her hard work. Cano-Bartolo's schedule is full of responsibilities at school and home. She is the Public Relations Officer for the International Club, part of the French Honor Society, is a Physics and Chemistry peer tutor, and is a NJ Seeds College Scholar. Outside of school, she works a part-time job, babysits, bakes goods for donations to the homeless, and provides translations for her family for everyday things from conversations to official paperwork.

I'm very excited, very proud of myself; it makes me feel like I accomplished something, especially for my family," said Cano-Bartolo. "My family has always wanted the best for me so they're very proud of what I've done." Cano-Bartolo has been to Dartmouth before, having participated in a Summer program there this year. She is planning to study Psychology and do pre-med to become a psychiatrist.

When Nairenny Jimenez took a tour of Wesleyan University back in February, she didn't know that she would be returning to it after her senior year. When she broke the news of being accepted, her mother jumped for joy and her voicemail soon filled with congratulatory messages from loved ones; she is the first in her family to go to college. Being matched to Wesleyan University is the crowning achievement of Jimenez's educational efforts. She had fully immersed herself in school activities during her time at IHS, being part of several clubs. She is in the National Honor Society, French Honor Society, the Spanish Club, serving as its President, the International Club as its Event Coordinator, and the Art Club. Jimenez is also a NJ Seeds College Scholar and Governor's STEM Scholar. Outside of school-related activities, she performs community service at the Father English Pantry.

"My family is extremely hardworking and has not failed to show me that no matter the circumstances, we can succeed in life," Jimenez said. "They have shown me that it is possible to work hard and to look forward no

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matter what.” Jimenez’s life-long goal has been to become a Pediatrician, Once she starts at Wesleyan University, she plans on taking her first steps by studying Biology/Biomedical Sciences in the pre-med track.

International Baccalaureate Social Studies teacher Vinnie Giardina had both students in his class. “I am extremely proud of Lucy and Nairenny for this amazing accomplishment,” he said. “As an educator, watching their excitement as they opened their Questbridge matches, is one of the most rewarding moments of my career. I know they are going to accomplish amazing things at Dartmouth and Wesleyan Universities.”

Principal of IHS, Catherine Forfia-Dion said of the two students, “I am so happy for both Lucy and Nairenny! They have put in a tremendous amount of work during their time at International High School and inspired the entire school community.”

Superintendent of Schools Laurie W. Newell said, “Paterson Public Schools has in it many fine examples of determined and wholly focused students. Ms. Jimenez and Ms. Cano-Bartolo are such students, having taken full advantage of what the District can offer. I’m very proud of their accomplishments and know that they will be successful in their future schools.”



Notes:

Nairenny Jimenez- Wesleyan

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Field of interest: Major in Biology/Biomedical Sciences in the pre-med track to become a Pediatrician.

Clubs & Afterschool Activities:

- NJ Seeds Scholar (english classes, act prep, college prep)
- National Honor Society
- French Honor Society
- Governor's STEM Scholar (research with students to combat problems in the medical field)
- Spanish Club President, Choreographer, Performer
- International Club Event Coordinator
- Community Service at Father English Pantry
- Private Prep Learn to Thrive Scholarship (scholarship to help with college stuff)
- Art Club
- Volleyball Player at Eastside High School freshmen year
- First to go to college in family

Free-time Activities:

- Self-taught poet & writer
- Families responsibilities: Babysitter; HW Helper; Cook; Caregiver; translation
- Reading
- Cosmetology - Makeup Artist

Lucy Cano-Bartolo- Dartmouth

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Field of interest:

Majoring in psychology and doing pre-med to become a psychiatrist

Clubs and after school activities:

- International club public relations officer



- Family responsibilities (Translating English and Spanish- Documents, appointments, conversations) (Family caregiver)
- New Jersey Seeds Scholar (English Classes, ACT prep)
- Hobby in art (Drawing, painting, embroidery, crafting)
- Event decorator
- Babysitting after school
- Baking for family and donations to the homeless
- French Honor Society
- Physics and chemistry peer tutor
- Part-time job
- First to go to college in family

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QuestBride National College Match Program:

Over 12,000 Finalists have been matched to a college partner since QuestBridge's founding, and over finalists 1700 students matched in Fall 2022

Academically outstanding high school seniors from households earning less than \$65,000 per year for a household of four.

Match Scholarship Recipients are granted early admission to one of QuestBridge's college partners with a **full four-year scholarship, worth over \$200,000.**

The Match Scholarship is offered as part of a generous financial aid package provided by the college that covers the cost of attendance, including:

- Tuition and fees
- Housing and food
- Books and supplies

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- Travel expenses
- Computer funds

All Match Scholarship packages:

- Have NO parental contribution
- Have NO student loans
- May contain a student contribution in the form of Federal work-study, summer work, and/or student savings