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## **Brien McMahon High School Senior Luis Acosta Chinchilla Receives Full Scholarship to Wesleyan University through QuestBridge**

Norwalk, Conn. (Dec. 5, 2025) - Brien McMahon High School is proud to announce senior Luis Acosta Chinchilla has been admitted to Wesleyan University with a full four-year QuestBridge National College Match Scholarship. This year, QuestBridge's 55 college partners matched with 2,550 Finalists who are recognized as Match Scholarship Recipients.

Upon receiving the news of his scholarship, Chinchilla said he was really excited and proud of this accomplishment. The Brien McMahon senior is enrolled in the high school's International Baccalaureate Career-Related Program (IBCP), following the Marine Science pathway. He is considering a career in science education.

"Luis embodies the spirit of what it means to be a Senator," said Barbara Wood, principal of Brien McMahon High School. "He has excelled academically and been a role model for his peers. We are immensely proud to celebrate his achievement."

"This year's Match Scholarship Recipients embody excellence in so many ways, and we're excited to support them as they continue to dream big," said Ana Rowena Mallari, Co-Founder and CEO of QuestBridge. "Since QuestBridge's founding over 30 years ago, we've witnessed the incredible impact our Scholars can make in their lives, families, and communities, and we know that this year's students will make a positive impact, too."

Each Match Scholarship Recipient receives early admission and a full four-year scholarship to a QuestBridge college partner, ensuring for these students and their families that an education at a top college is affordable. The Match Scholarship – provided by the school – is made up of a generous financial aid package that covers the full cost of attendance, including tuition, housing and food, books and supplies, and travel expenses. The Match Scholarship does not include loans or a parental contribution.

This year's Match Scholarship Recipients represent all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia, as well as the territories of American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and Puerto Rico. These students become the first QuestBridge Scholars for the Class of 2030.



Many more Finalists will become QuestBridge Scholars through QuestBridge Regular Decision or other admission rounds. All Finalists who ultimately matriculate to QuestBridge college partners join a community of over 35,000 QuestBridge Scholars and Alumni worldwide.

The QuestBridge National College Match has successfully connected over 19,000 students with full scholarships at some of the nation's best colleges. Through programming and partnerships with top colleges, graduate schools, and leading companies, QuestBridge helps its Scholars realize their full potential at every stage of life.

**About QuestBridge:**

QuestBridge is a national nonprofit organization that connects high-achieving students from low-income backgrounds with a thriving community and transformative educational, career, and life opportunities that help propel them to lives of fulfillment, meaning, and purpose. From QuestBridge's founding over 30 years ago, the organization has always focused on creating opportunities for students from low-income backgrounds, regardless of race, geography, or academic interest.