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We are a Tuition-Free Public Charter School serving students in Kindergarten through Eighth Grade

REACHING FOR THE STARS From HIVE Prep to Stanford University!

Alumni Spotlight: Fabian Molina

Fabian Molina, a 2019 HIVE prep graduate, is now a senior in high school with plans to study Astronautical Engineering at Stanford University. As he reflects on his journey so far, Fabian says he'll be "eternally grateful" for all the support he's received from his HIVE family.

It all started back in 2011 when Fabian enrolled at HIVE Prep as a first grader. Coming from a low-income background, Fabian and his family found that HIVE was really supportive of their socio-economic status. He lived with his mom who often had to work overtime to make ends meet. This meant she sometimes wouldn't get off work until 8 p.m. making it difficult for her pick up Fabian from school. Thanks to the supportive community at HIVE, Fabian was able to attend the after-school program. He remembers often being the last student there but that special arrangements were made for Mr. Saydel Mas, HIVE's Operations Manager and basketball coach, to take him home. This amazing support gave Fabian and his mom both the practical help they needed as well as the peace of mind knowing Fabian was safe and taken care of. Mr. Mas reflects, "I always felt that Fabian seemed mature beyond his years. He took things serious but also found a median to have fun and make the best out of any situation. As he takes his next steps in life, I urge him to continue to be himself and to strive for great things. I know he makes his family and us here at HIVE proud, and as long as he continues to put in the hard work, the world's the limit to what he can achieve. All the best to our former center and thank you for all your efforts!"

While at HIVE Prep, Fabian was involved in the extracurricular STEM where he made robots, did a bit of programming and participated in competitions. He also played basketball under Mr. Mas for two years. Since transferring to Jose Marti MAST 6-12 Academy for high school in 2019, Fabian has been even more involved in school activities. He shared that when it came time to sign up for extracurriculars at the club fair, he put his name down for nearly everything! Some of his more passionate pursuits have been HIP (Health Information Project) where he currently serves as president. This program involves mentoring freshmen and teaching them about critical health topics. He is also part of the Math Honor Society where he regularly competes, Interact Club which facilitates projects that give back to the community, and National Honor Society which has recently focused on Relay for Life, fundraising for the American Cancer Society. All of these activities and more keep Fabian busy during and after school. He has enjoyed all the opportunities he's built up for himself and loves being able to gather together and serve with others



who are just as passionate as him. He is now graduating Summa Cum Laude from MAST 6-12 Academy.

As already mentioned, Fabian will attend Stanford University this fall to study Astronautical Engineering, a field that is related to all things outside the earth's atmosphere. He shared that his excitement for the stars started early as he enjoyed stargazing as a young child. When his father moved to Utah, he got to see the stars for the first time. In Miami, there is so much air and light pollution that it is difficult to see much, even on a clear night. Yet, in the country, one can enjoy the night sky with amazing clarity. What started as a hobby of studying the stars has now become a passion Fabian hopes to land a career in. Looking ahead, he plans to land a job under a large space company, maybe even working for NASA someday.

These may seem like high hopes, but Fabian is well on his way to achieving them! His education at HIVE Prep has offered him a great foundation to build on. He is so grateful for what his teachers have taught him, saying he still uses several "tricks" he learned to succeed even now. In addition to Mr. Mas, he mentioned Miss Kenisha Cauley, Middle School Social Studies, as a great influence on his time at HIVE. She went above and beyond, both in and out of the class, to help her students learn and grow.

He specifically remembers the community service opportunities she provided her classes and what a joy those were for him and his fellow classmates to make a difference. Miss Cauley shared, "I was very impressed with Fabian and recall him being a leader among his peers. He was always the go-to when students needed help, especially their eighth grade year when they were taking high school courses in Algebra and Biology. I never doubted that Fabian was going to be successful beyond his time at HIVE and I'm very proud of him. I wish Fabian all the best in his future endeavors!"

Fabian looks back at his time at HIVE Prep with gratitude. Even as his story is still being written, he looks ahead to a bright future. HIVE Prep wishes you all the best, Fabian!

Thanks to the strong academic foundation Fabian received at HIVE, he was accepted to Stanford University, one of the most selective colleges in the US. Its extremely low acceptance rate of 4% ranks close to other prestigious schools like Harvard, Princeton and Yale.	University Acceptance Rates* Harvard University 4% Princeton University..... 4% Stanford University 4% Yale University 5% Brown University..... 6% Columbia University 6% *Information from U.S. News and World Report
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HIVE GRADUATES ATTEND THE BEST AREA HIGH SCHOOLS

Every year, HIVE Prep says goodbye to an amazing class of eighth graders. These students then move on to attend magnet high schools, charter high schools and private high schools. Each utilize a highly selective application process allowing in only the top students. Some of the criteria includes minimum GPAs, prerequisite classes, interviews and/or auditions, references and more. Each school type offers a different opportunity for students, depending on what they are interested in. For example, some schools specialize in STEM and engineering, while others might offer advanced programming for the arts or athletics.

Because of our commitment to excellence, each year HIVE Prep students are highly sought after and coveted by these area schools! Most of the local high schools will visit HIVE to recruit students or invite our students to their programs. In the end, all HIVE students are selected into at least one of these schools. This year, ALL HIVE eighth graders were selected into their preferred choice of school/program. Director of Schools Carlos Gonzalez wanted to personally congratulate each HIVE student for getting accepted into these schools!

Below are the high schools HIVE Prep's 2023 graduating eighth grade class will attend.



Miami Lakes Educational Center 37

Barbara Goleman Senior High School 29



Jose Marti MAST Academy 2



Mosignor Pace 2



American Heritage School 2

American Senior High School 2



Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory School 1



Everglades High School 1



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