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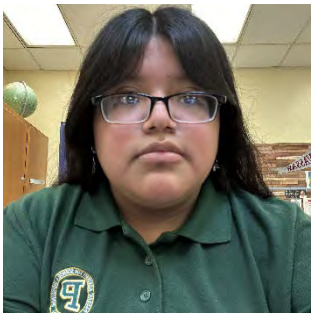
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More Than Bootstraps Fellow is Named a QuestBridge College Prep Scholar

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The New Jersey non-profit organization, More Than Bootstraps (MTB), celebrates the achievement of **Guadalupe Mariano Jimenez** on being named a QuestBridge College Prep Scholar. Guadalupe is currently a high school junior at Passaic Academy for Science and Engineering (PASE).

The College Prep Scholars Program is a highly competitive program that equips high-achieving high school juniors from low-income backgrounds with the knowledge, confidence, and resources to apply to top colleges. Guadalupe will also have a significant advantage in her application for a scholarship through the Questbridge National College Match.



Guadalupe offered this advice to her peers: "Never stop yourself from taking a chance. Having people around you who can provide support and believing in yourself to take a chance is the best way to open new possibilities."

Audrey Fisch, founder and president of More Than Bootstraps, applauded Guadalupe's success as well as her recognition of the importance of surrounding yourself with people who can provide support. "Guadalupe's success in this endeavor is due to her hard work and academic accomplishments. Kudos go as well to Guadalupe's MTB College Student Leader, **Nelsie Abreu**, who mentored Guadalupe through the application process.

Guadalupe is MTB's second QuestBridge College Prep Scholar. Last year's MTB QuestBridge finalists**, Jailene Cabrera** and **Ashley Arriaga**, are now completing their first year at Seton Hall University and Cornell University, respectively. High school senior **Kelmys Gil-Alvarez**, named a QuestBridge Finalist in 2024, will attend Duke University in the fall.

Donations to More Than Bootstraps fund student stipends, educational expenses, and emergency funds for students. Interested donors should visit the MTB website: www.morethanbootstraps.org/donate.

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