

Kevin Martinez

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Hello, My name is Kevin Martinez. I am a hard worker, a friend to everyone, and I am a Rainier Scholar.

Ever since I started school I have been the kind of person who wants to get the best grades possible. My family has always told me that education is super important and that without a good education you cannot get the job of your dreams.

Before I joined Rainier Scholars, I had gone to three different schools in four or five years because we kept moving houses. I was a student who didn't use my time wisely and I didn't think much about the quality of my work. I just turned in my assignments. I did my homework and my parents helped me whenever they could, even if I didn't need it.

Now that I am in Rainier Scholars, I see a difference in myself. I am a hard worker, I persevere through new challenges and I feel courageous believing in my abilities. The success I have had since I've been in Rainier Scholars is incredible. I've never had this much work before, but I've learned to persevere, and to keep going no matter how hard the challenge. If I didn't have perseverance I would have stopped at the first hard obstacle.

Now my future is being shaped one Saturday and Wednesday at a time. I have learned many different subjects that I thought I wouldn't experience until I was in high school! It excites me knowing that I am learning material way beyond my grade level. Even more exciting is that I really do understand it!

I have learned to manage my time wisely and the importance of turning in quality work. I approach each assignment by studying what the expectations are, then trying to go beyond and do even more.

There are many possibilities for my future that I would have never seen before. The biggest accomplishment that I achieved this year was getting accepted into The Bush School for 7<sup>th</sup> grade. I was so ecstatic when I got my letter. I would have never pictured myself at a school like that but now it's true. It is a big step for me and I am prepared to face whatever challenge they give me. My hope is to excel at Bush so I can get into a great college. Something that is amazing about the program is that Rainier Scholars will stay with me all the way through college! I look forward to having all the support that Rainier Scholars will give me. I know that I won't be alone; I will ALWAYS be a Rainier Scholar.

Thank you.