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Life in Discovery

For Immediate Release:

St. Martin de Porres High School Student Jose Nuñez Receives NYLF Program Scholarship



Left: From Rosalind Franklin University, Hector Rasgado-Flores of the Department of Physiology and Biophysics and Christine López from the Division of Advancement and from St. Martin de Porres High School, Jose Nuñez, Principal Michael Odiotti and Director of Development Joe Villinski.

NORTH CHICAGO – Jose Nuñez, a junior at St. Martin de Porres High School in Waukegan, IL, was selected to receive a scholarship to attend a recent National Youth Leadership Forum Program.

NYLF is an organization that presents career exploration programs for students in the fields of law, medicine and national security.

The Forum on Medicine is a 10-day program that originated from the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) campus. The NYLF students visited Chicago-area medical schools and healthcare institutions and were engaged in problem-based learning, medical ethics and hands-on medical simulations and workshops.

At Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science in North Chicago, the NYLF students attended special sessions in pre-medicine, podiatric medicine and physical therapy, including a special tour of campus.

“Jose Nuñez is an excellent student,” said Michael Odiotti, Principal of St. Martin de Porres High School. “Not only is he dedicated to his studies, but also he has impressed me with his willingness to explore new ideas and take on new challenges.”

Nuñez is currently secretary of the National Honor Society at St. Martin de Porres. He has also volunteered at the YMCA in the Early Head Start Program and is a member of his school’s soccer team.

A resident of Beach Park, IL, Nuñez is maintaining a 3.8 GPA.

“We are so pleased to partner with Rosalind Franklin University to provide a gateway for young people, like Jose, to explore the world of medicine and healthcare,” said Joe Drake, Chicago NYLF Director.

Christine López, Director of Foundation Relations at Rosalind Franklin University, coordinated the NYLF Foundation Scholarship.

About Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science

Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science is a national leader in interprofessional medical and healthcare education, comprising the Chicago Medical School, College of Health Professions, Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine and School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

There are more than 16,000 RFUMS degreed graduates in the United States and worldwide.