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Thornton Fractional South High School Senior Fernando Lopez to Attend Yale University on Scholarship



TF South Student Fernando Lopez

Lansing, IL- Thornton Fractional South High School’s Fernando Lopez is headed to Yale University next fall on a full scholarship through the QuestBridge National College Match program. Questbridge is a national program that connects high-achieving high school seniors with full four-year scholarships to the nation’s top colleges. According to the [Questbridge website](#), of the over 18,500 applicants, QuestBridge selected 6,885 finalists to be considered for the QuestBridge National College Match 2020 Scholarship, and 42 college partners then selected 1,464 finalists, who are recognized as Match Scholarship

Recipients. Lopez was selected by Yale University, which he listed as his top choice in the application process. The Match Scholarship covers the full cost of attendance, including tuition, room and board, and travel expenses.

Jeff Majewski, Lopez’s guidance counselor at TF South, started working with Lopez on the scholarship last February. As the summer progressed, Lopez and Majewski worked together to continue submitting materials for further scholarship consideration. Majewski learned on October 21st that Lopez had made the final round for the scholarship, at which time Lopez was asked to rank his top five choices of schools, with Yale being his number one choice. Majewski stated, “I’m so incredibly proud of Fernando’s hard work and incredible achievements. He has a bright future and will represent his school and community well at Yale University.”

Lopez works at Mancino’s in Lansing and has been involved in Scholastic Bowl, Mathletes, and Boys Volleyball at TF South. He has a 4.33 grade point average and scored a 1460 on his SAT exam. He is tentatively planning to major in biology at Yale and is considering a career in the medical field. TF South Principal Jacob Gourley stated, “We are so thrilled for Fernando and for his family. He has truly earned this opportunity and we are so excited to follow his success over the years ahead.”

About Thornton Fractional High School District 215: District 215 serves the students of Burnham, Calumet City, Lansing, and Lynwood at Thornton Fractional North High School, Thornton Fractional South High School, Thornton Fractional Center for Academics and Technology, and Thornton Fractional Center for Alternative Learning. The mission of District



215 is to provide diverse learning opportunities that inspire all students to become life-long learners who contribute to their community.

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