

Yuma Catholic High School is proud to announce that Eduardo Felix and Jose Mojardin are recipients of the QuestBridge College Match Scholarship. In the Fall, Eduardo Felix will be attending Rice University and Jose Mojardin will be attending Yale University. QuestBridge National College Match is a national program that connects high-achieving, low-income high school seniors with full scholarships to the nation's top colleges. After receiving a record high of 16,248 applicants, QuestBridge selected 6,507 Finalists who were considered for the College Match Scholarship. Of these Finalists, 1,044 exceptional students hailing from 47 states and the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico have been selected as this year's College Match Scholarship Recipients. College Match Scholarship Recipients are admitted early to QuestBridge college partners with guaranteed, full four-year scholarships that are provided by the colleges and universities, ensuring these students and their families that an education at a top college can be affordable.

Eduardo Felix will be attending Rice University where he will be studying Astrophysics. He hopes to one day become an astronaut. Eduardo's scholarship is valued at over \$266,000. He acknowledged that the QuestBridge application process was quite a feat. Eduardo stated, "Yuma Catholic provided the perfect environment to pursue my goal of attending a top university and assisting me in completing the application. It was a long and tedious process but the teachers and counselors were understanding." I was extremely excited because it was the culmination of everything that I had been working towards. He said, "On a personal level, it is great that this scholarship confirms that hard work does pay off." Eduardo set a goal to attain a true full-ride scholarship as a freshman, but didn't realize this could be a real possibility until he found out about the QuestBridge Program.

Jose Mojardin will be attending Yale University where he will be studying Biomedical Engineering. He hopes to become a medical doctor, continuing his graduate studies at Yale. Jose's scholarship is worth over \$314,000. At first, he was apprehensive about attending a university so far away from home. He stated, "The initial shock of realizing that I am going to have to leave my family and friends was a bit overwhelming but I have gotten over that and am excited to attend my dream school!" Jose also stated, "The Yale Admission Representative noted that the numerous dual enrollment courses that I was able to take during the day at Yuma Catholic contributed to their decision in choosing me as one of their 55 scholarship recipients."

Eduardo and Jose began taking AWC mathematic courses during middle school and continued their college studies at Yuma Catholic High School, through their dual enrollment program. They will be graduating with an Associate's of Science Degree in May 2019 from Arizona Western College, one week prior to their high school graduation.