

Ricardo Gonzalez's Bio

Ricardo was born in Los Angeles, California on March 2, 1993. He is a bilingual, 17-year-old Latino, the youngest of three children, and was raised by his mother, Consuelo Gonzales, who is originally from Nayarit, Mexico. When he was one year old, Ricardo's mother made the decision to move to Portland, Oregon with her children to prevent them from growing up in an environment with gang violence. Ricardo attended Alder and Highland Elementary Schools, then went to Middle School at Clear Creek, and is now attending Gresham High School. He is a Junior, has a 3.0 average, and this year started attending the Center for Advance Learning, CAL, in Gresham, where he is taking advanced courses in English, Physics, Drafting, and Design. Ricardo is also on the wrestling team at Gresham High School. He looks up to his mother, Consuelo, as she raised her children single-handedly and has supported her family with her housekeeping business. Ricardo has a very close relationship with his family and says that they are his best friends. He began volunteering for the Four Cities Peer Court since its inception in August of 2008. He has overcome obstacles in his life, as he grew up without a father-figure, dealt with peer pressure and gangs, experienced some problems when he started high school, and recently experienced separation from his brother, who joined the military. Ricardo's dream is to go to college, enter law school, and become a defense attorney for youths involved in the juvenile justice system.