

## **Here is what Carlos' high school teachers have to say about him**

I am a trained field research scientist. My area of expertise is ecology and wildlife biology. I am also a science educator, and I taught Carlos for 2 years when I worked at a small bilingual high school in Honduras, teaching biology and other science related classes. Carlos was a straight A student who had the highest GPA in his class and one of the highest GPAs ever in the history of that school. Carlos is a bright, happy, kind, deserving young man who's life goals are centered on helping others and striving to do his part to make the world a better place. Carlos is very mature for his age, 19 years old, mainly because he is humble and self-sacrificing, and thoughtful of others. For example, he helped me save the life of another teacher when she was dying of Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever. His fast thinking and complete willingness to help and assist with whatever it took to save her life was invaluable. Once I had evacuated her from a remote tropical rainforest wilderness area and admitted her to a typical Honduran hospital, Carlos helped me rapidly arrange quality western medical care at one of the only intensive care units in Honduras, where we had to transfer her. If it wasn't for his help and assistance, she might not be alive right now. In addition to being a brilliant student, great athlete, and loyal friend, Carlos is also an artist; his sketches, drawings, and paintings in my science classes were the most beautiful and intricately designed of all. My greatest hope is that Carlos gets the chance for a better life for himself and his family from an American university education. If I had the money to pay for his tuition myself, I would take it to NC State tomorrow and pay it for him, because he truly deserves a helping hand. He has helped others so much."

-Ms. Amanda Hartley, Lead Instructor at Engineering for Kids  
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"I have known Carlos for over 3 years, beginning in Honduras where I was his high school Chemistry professor for about three academic years. It is my pleasure to report that in his classes, Carlos always worked diligently, was kind and respectful to his teachers and fellow classmates, and was helpful to science department staff whenever student volunteers were needed to set up or take down laboratory experiments or assist with special projects outside of the classroom. In June of 2013, Carlos graduated as the valedictorian of his high school class. Carlos is very smart. He maintained the highest grade point average in the high school for all the years he attended. Beyond his high level of intelligence, and in addition to his diligence, kindness, respect, and helpfulness, he is also a service-oriented young man who is ready and willing to sacrifice his time, energy and

comfort to help others. For example, he would spend many of his weekend hours tutoring other students in science and math related subjects for free. Carlos looks forward to working on improving conditions in Honduras and other developing nations across the world when he completes his university studies. He truly has a global vision for his future, and wants to use his Business degree for the betterment of the world. I think he will make a tremendous positive impact on other the students inside and outside the classroom and will contribute positively to the school environment at NC State."

-Dr. Maria Messner, Biomedical researcher and data analyst

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"I was the coach of the boy's basketball team when Carlos was in high school in Siguatepeque, Honduras. In my capacity as a former professional basketball player and retired teacher, I can say without hesitation that Carlos is an excellent young man who deserves a chance at a solid American education from a University like NC State. He is a hard-working student and athlete with a lot of skills and abilities. He had a good reputation in school and around town for being an upstanding student with exceptional moral character. He seems to be a natural leader, and I think he is an outstanding candidate for the NCSU undergraduate Business program."

-Mr. Dan McCoy, YMCA youth mentor & athletic coach

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