

1. IT'S ABOUT CURIOSITY

The curiosity to understand "why" is with us almost from the moment we learn to speak.

This is certainly true for Nathan Castro, a college student in El Paso, Texas. His curiosity has taken him down the road of science.

Nathan Castro

I think that science is the foundation for answering the questions that I have about how the human body works, it answers questions that I might have about what happens in our lives.

Nathan's thirst for knowledge led him to the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, where he participates in a program for university students.

There, he has had the opportunity to nourish his curiosity with research projects aimed at improving the treatment of common injuries.

Opportunities for Hispanic students and professionals abound at America's National Laboratories. For more information, call 1-800-473-3003.

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2. A TEACHER MADE THE DIFFERENCE

A talented young person sometimes needs a just little push to become extraordinary.

Nathan Castro is a university student from El Paso, Texas. Since he was a young boy, he has had a strong interest in science, but he lacked direction.

Nathan Castro

Starting in high school, I never knew there was the kind of work that I'm in right now.

Today, Nathan participates in a program for students at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

The life-changing opportunity came courtesy of someone who recognized the young man's potential.

Nathan Castro

One of my biology teachers suggested that I apply for the program when he saw me looking at a poster advertising it.

With the support of this teacher, Nathan overcame his doubts and sent in his application.

Today at the lab, this young man helps on projects seeking to improve the treatment for common injuries.

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3. SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS

Although the problems besetting our schools at times seem insurmountable, Hispanic students can count on valuable opportunities to move ahead with their education.

Nathan Castro is a college student from El Paso, Texas.

The program *Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship*, at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory afforded him one of those invaluable opportunities.

Nathan Castro

I always wanted to be a doctor, and even up until today, that is the goal I want to achieve. I think this opportunity is a way to reach that goal in a practical way to help me, and to go to more advanced schools, and to open more doors for my degree.

Today at the lab, Nathan contributes to medical research. His desire to become a doctor is more than a dream.

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