

Jose from Ecuador

- Jose will turn 18 later this year
- Jose lives in a coastal seaport city of about 250,000 in northwestern Ecuador. His city is the chief trading center for the area's agricultural products.

Family

- Father is a practicing lawyer who also owns a shoe store.
- Mother is a commercial engineer
- 16 year old sister
- 14 year old sister

High School Career

- Has studied English for 10 years
- Graduated from a high school that trains students in biological science
- Served as his class president
- Finished second in his high school class
- His school rated him excellent in all areas including creativity, independence, intellectual ability, emotional stability, achievement, openness to new ideas, adaptability, discipline, participation, and potential for growth

Jose has started his medical studies at a university in Quito:

- Orthopedics
- Dermatology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Investigation
- Morgue
- Biology
- Biology Lab
- History of Medicine
- Biostatistics
- Thought Development
- Values
- "Morph function"

Jose's Dream: "To create a foundation to provide health to the largest number of people as possible."

Wants to study in US because

- "it's necessary to establish relations with developed countries and see models so we can take all the positive things that would be helpful to advance in our country, because it's a reality that many countries are years further."
- "learn the English language because it's a universal language that we must learn to progress professionally."
- "I am very interested in meeting other societies, cultures, and persons with which I will be able to exchange customs, ideas and enriching activities"

Parents' Comments

- In stressful situations, Jose is calm, sane, and prudent and is respectful of diverse criteria manifested in families, friends, and others.
- Totally independent and acts with responsibility.
- Has learned values here in Ecuador and will know how to behave and take advantage of his time in the place he longs to be.

Parents describe Jose as:

- Honest
- Responsible
- A fighter
- Friendly
- Reliable
- Adaptable
- And his weakness → A dreamer

Likes sports

- Participates in most sports
- Has competed most in swimming
- Would like to eventually become the director of a sports club

Additional importance of exchange to our District

- First exchange with Ecuador in recent memory.
- Ecuador is hosting a student from our district.
- Starting exchanges with this district is important to our program because of the demand for exchanges to Spanish-speaking countries and because this district is known to run one of the best exchange programs in South America