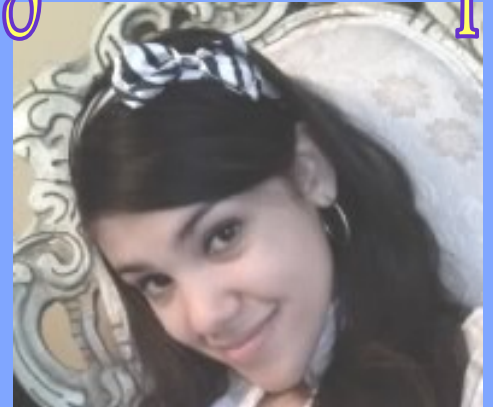




Good News

Natalie wins the Horatio Alger Scholarship

In her own words, Natalie describes how she won the \$20,000 Scholarship



Natalie Perez

As far as I can remember I always discussed with my father what college I would be attending and the possible scholarships I would be receiving. As I entered Grover Cleveland, I was given the opportunity to do a science research project. From my initial research, I recognized how many communities lacked a bank of bone marrow donors – often a critical last step in fighting leukemia. After finishing the research paper, I continued to spread the awareness in my community on how registering was a simple cheek swab but it could save a life. Today, I still continue to speak before schools and community groups soliciting donors. After submitting a report on my community involvement to the Horatio Alger Association in late fall, I was recently notified as a winner of a 20,000 dollar scholarship. I will now be going to the association annual conference in Washington D.C. this spring, to receive the award.

