

CCF STUDENT PROFILES 2006



Francisco M.

Francisco is the third of six children from a large, hard working Hispanic family in Kennett Square. When he was just 13 he already yearned to get a good education. To him and his parents, that meant doing well in high school and getting into college — an opportunity they never had but very much want for their children.

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For the past year he has served as an elite member of U.S. Congressman Joseph Pitts' Youth Advisory Council and he's been a peer mentor for a high school program serving Latino males. His teachers describe him as diligent, well-behaved, helpful, cooperative and a young man with a great deal of potential. They also list *perseverance* as one of his shining qualities.

Now, after four years with Chester County Futures, Francisco's dream has come true. He heads to Penn State's main campus this fall to pursue engineering or law. A family dream is coming true!



Daniel L.

Daniel is an exemplary Futures' student and Distinguished Honor Roll scholar who overcame tragedy and hardship to earn his diploma. He lives in Coatesville with his widowed mother, two younger sisters and younger brother. He held down a part-time job while in high school and managed to devote spare time as a volunteer for a Habitat for Humanity project in his home town called Community Gardens.

Dan works hard in school and has achieved Distinguished Honor Roll. Not long ago he shared his thoughts on education in an essay contest sponsored by Futures: "Rather than giving up, I began to realize that education and learning to my fullest capacity would improve my opportunities to succeed. The more I learned and the harder I worked, the better my chance to become financially and psychologically happy and stable."

Dan heads to Temple University next fall to pursue a degree in Landscaping and Horticulture. He hopes one day to own his own business. In December 2005 he was awarded Best of Show at the 21st Annual Holiday Flower Show at the Center for Arts and Technology Brandywine Campus. He's on his way!



Tierra F.

Hard work has given **Tierra** the confidence to go as far as she can in life. She did well in the classroom at Coatesville Area High School, excelled in the athletic arena, earned school leadership posts, and garnered respect as a Futures student.

While in school and fulfilling the demands of the Futures program, Tee played soccer and basketball, was on the track and field team, was a member of Strive, served on Student Council, and was elected to the Senior Class Cabinet.

She played on a district championship team and won an individual district championship title, earned a spot at the state track meet all four years in school, and ultimately won an athletic scholarship from Norfolk State University. She heads there this fall to major in physical therapy. In five years when she has earned her college degree she hopes to try out for the 2011 U.S. Olympic Track & Field Team.

Tee says that "becoming a better person" is one of the things she's proud of. She credits Futures with helping her prepare for college and for life after high school.