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Fontana Unified's Summit High Yields Two QuestBridge National College Match Scholarship Finalists

FONTANA, CA – Two high-achieving Summit High School seniors are one step closer to earning a full-ride scholarship to an elite college or university after being named QuestBridge National College Match Scholarship finalists.

Gabriel Rodriguez Cortez and Joleen Wardeh are among nearly 7,000 students across the United States chosen as finalists, including nine additional Fontana Unified seniors. Finalists are considered for early admission and full scholarships from QuestBridge college partners.

"I am so excited for our QuestBridge finalists, who have put so much time and energy into their studies," Summit High Principal Renee Castanon said. "I have watched Joleen and Gabriel grow into role models and campus leaders and I could not be prouder of what they have already accomplished."

Rodriguez Cortez plans to study electrical engineering and put his knowledge to practical use by developing new technology for space exploration and other applications. He is a member of Summit's Positive Minds club, has been an Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) student since freshman year, serves as secretary for the National Honor Society and is a member of Chemistry club.

"It feels great to have this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Rodriguez Cortez said. "I never thought I would one day compete for a scholarship of this magnitude. Receiving the QuestBridge would mean all the work I have done has been justified and that I have taken a great step towards achieving my future

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