

ARIZONA STUDENT SUCCESS STORIES

FRANCISCO VALENCIA

12th Grade
Tucson Unified
School District

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"Francisco Valenzuela is an absolute treasure of a student. He is hard-working and fiercely determined. As a student in my Junior English class last year, all his assignments were beyond exemplary – he outshined most of my Juniors, even as it was his first year out of the English Language Development program. It was not only his academic efforts and capabilities, but also his creativity that infused all his assignments and left a lasting impact.

I am nominating Francisco for this prestigious award because his efforts are representative of what every parent dreams of when they send their children off to school. He is unwavering in his determination to succeed, he remains steadfast in the face of the many obstacles he has had to face, and he interacts with all around him with the rarest combination of kindness, maturity, and grace."