



## **Senior Spotlight: Marcelo**

I was born on February 12, 2000 in San Salvador, El Salvador. Everyone in my family is from El Salvador, except my cousins who were born and raised in the United States. I have lived in three different countries: El Salvador, Panama, and the Cayman Islands. I lived in El Salvador from 2000 to 2013, in Panama from 2013 to 2015, and in the Cayman Islands since 2015, where I have done grades 10, 11, and 12. I consider myself to be a very friendly person as I have made many friendships in three different schools in the past five years. One interesting thing that people might not know about me is that I know all of the countries in the world.

### **Describe a time when you wanted to quit, but didn't.**

In life you will be found in many situations where all we want to do is to quit. This happened the 1st of April of 2017, I was in Carol Morgan School in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic for the CAISSA Tournament with my teammates and it was our last game in the tournament. We were already disqualified, we had lost all of our previous games, we were fighting for the 5th Place against the Dominican team and I remember before the match I had no motivation at all to play the game. My motivation for some reason came back, I didn't want to quit in front of my teammates even though no one had the motivation and desire to play. Even though it was our last match, we were eliminated and we were down 1-0, I played with all my heart and passion to give it all until the last minute.

### **Describe your most cherished childhood memory. What were you like as a kid?**

My favorite childhood memory is perhaps playing football with my dad in the street of our gated community. I remember, almost every day between the ages of 7 and 11 my dad and I would go outside of my house and play. He bought me a soccer goal for my birthday and I always used to be the goalkeeper and he was the one shooting. It is a really nice memory because it is something that marked my childhood. I was more of an outside child, in the way that I wasn't those kids who would stay inside their rooms playing video games all summer. I was a kid who loved to go outside, play in my garden football by myself or I would call my mom or my nanny to play with me.

### **What is your dream job/career? Why?**

My dream job/career is to work in the field of sports management and marketing. I have always dreamed of working for ESPN or UEFA (European Football Association) mainly because I love sports, especially football which I have a huge passion for. I always watch football games and my football knowledge is immense. I can imagine myself working in an ESPN studio.



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### **What are your plans after you graduate from CIS?**

There are a number of universities I want to go to when I graduate from CIS. The majority of these colleges are located in Florida. My plan after I graduate from CIS is to first get accepted in a good university and once I'm in college get a major degree in marketing and a minor degree in sports management.

### **Who is your hero? Why?**

My hero is probably my dad because he is like a role model to me. He is an inspiration to me because he is always hardworking. He is always successful in what he does and he is always smiling and providing happiness regardless of how bad the situation he is living. My dad is always encouraging me to become better in everything and something that I admire about him is his strength and how he is always optimistic whenever he needs to face a difficult obstacle in life. He has taught me many things in life and he is always motivating and guiding me on how to become a successful person in life.