

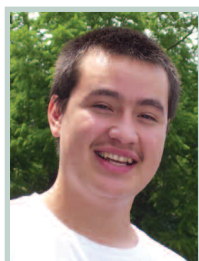
**Wendy Avelar** - Wheaton HS  
*Cornell University, College of Engineering*  
Wendy is a gifted intellectual who dreams of becoming an aeronautical engineer. A National Hispanic Scholar and a member of the National Honor Society, Wendy also received the Maryland Governor's Merit Scholastic Award.



**Karla Loro** - Wheaton HS  
*Oberlin College, Bonner Scholar*  
Karla, a gifted mathematician, enjoys tutoring her peers, particularly non-native English speakers, because she understands the adjustment to a new country and a new language. Karla is also a talented artist and has dedicated many hours to mosaic art and a community mural project.



**Francisco Barrera** - Wheaton HS  
*Goucher College, Educational Opportunity Program Scholar*  
Francisco received the Principal's Award for Most Improved Senior at Wheaton High School, and won special recognition by spending over 300 community service hours as a mentor and translator for immigrant families at the Gilchrist Center for Cultural Diversity.



**Merab Okeyo** - Walter Johnson HS  
*Hofstra University, Presidential Scholar*  
Merab's academic pursuits are Public Health and International Relations. Her scientific mind helps her not only to understand the reactions and interactions among elements, but also among people. Merab is a gifted photographer and recently won first prize in a regional arts competition sponsored by the NAACP.



**Yoonjung "Jaime" Hur** - Walter Johnson HS  
*Dickinson College*  
Jaime, a member of the National Honor Society, received distinguished recognition in her high school as winner of the Academic Excellence award for the ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Program. Jaime is the Founding President of the LINK (Liberty in North Korea) Club. She looks forward to studying Chemistry or Biology in college.



**Kevin Rivas** - Walter Johnson HS  
*Juniata College, Presidential Scholar*  
Kevin is a scholar-athlete, having distinguished himself as an MVP volleyball player for his high school team and regional leagues. He coaches during his off-season and enjoys motivating his peers to do their best. In college, Kevin would like to study Business and hopes someday to be his own boss.



**Frances Kalema** - Wheaton HS  
*Hollins University*  
Frances is a natural leader whose drive and ambition have helped her hone her skills as a three-season Varsity athlete (cross-country, basketball and softball). In college, she is looking forward to studying Business Economics and laying the foundation for her entrepreneurial dream of owning her own restaurant.



**Rafelin Valdez** - Wheaton HS  
*Virginia Commonwealth University*  
Rafelin's goal is to be the first in his family to graduate from college. He is a responsible and earnest young man who sets an example as the key male role model for two younger brothers. Rafelin enjoys basketball and would like to study Business and Marketing to eventually work in the sports industry.



**Gloria Koskey** - Wheaton HS  
*Stanford University*  
Gloria hopes to study Chemistry en route to a medical career. She was awarded a Howard Hughes Medical Internship at NIH and received the Maryland Governor's Merit Scholastic Award.



**Cindy Villarreal** - Wheaton HS  
*Goucher College, Educational Opportunity Program Scholar*  
Cindy is a member of the National Honor Society and has been named to her high school's Honor Roll every semester. She loves to play lacrosse, but is especially passionate when it comes to working with children. Cindy plans to study Psychology and Child Development in college.





## What has CDI meant for the Class of 2007?

**Wendy Avelar, Cornell University**

*CDI has been a great learning experience for me. We have a real partnership that encourages me to work to my full potential.*

**Francisco Barrera, Goucher College**

*I have learned to think critically, and I appreciate the help and support CDI has provided to help me obtain equal access to college opportunities. I have learned to try my best in everything I do, and I know how important CDI's support will be during my college years.*

**Jaime Hur, Dickinson College**

*CDI is my third home away from my family and school; an environment where I know I belong.*

**Frances Kalema, Hollins University**

*CDI has helped me transition towards greater maturity. I have learned to "hold my own" in adult conversations, confidently and respectfully.*

**Gloria Koskey, Stanford University**

*CDI has been a haven for my personal development. It's a place where I can reflect upon who I am and who I wish to become. Although some of our peers may have had access to greater resources, CDI has allowed us to catch up and be competitive in the race of life.*

**Karla Loro, Oberlin College**

*CDI has helped me become more mature and responsible. My writing skills have improved, and I have learned to manage my time more efficiently.*

**Merab Okeyo, Hofstra University**

*CDI has been there for me since Day One. My family and I truly appreciate the special, individual mentoring and encouragement I have received from CDI's team.*

**Kevin Rivas, Juniata College**

*CDI is my family away from home. I walk through the CDI office with a smile because they do not allow me to be discouraged. I have overcome many difficulties this year, and CDI has been a source of stability.*

**Rafelin Valdez, Virginia Commonwealth University**

*What I appreciate most about CDI is the guidance and support the counselors and tutors have given me. CDI has really helped me to succeed and manage all of my responsibilities, personal and academic.*

**Cindy Villarreal, Goucher College**

*CDI has been more than a Scholars Program for me; it has really helped me to reach my goals this past year. The counselors have been amazing! They are extremely helpful and caring. Even better, they have become our friends.*

## 2007 College Acceptance List

American University  
Boston College  
Bryn Mawr College  
Case Western Reserve University  
Catholic University  
College of Wooster  
Connecticut College  
Cornell University  
Dickinson College  
Duke University  
Fairfield University  
Gettysburg College

Goucher College  
Hofstra University  
Hollins University  
Hood College  
Ithaca College  
James Madison University  
Johns Hopkins University  
Juniata College  
Longwood University  
Lynchburg College  
Manhattanville College  
Marymount University

McDaniel College  
Oberlin College  
Ohio Wesleyan University  
Penn. State University  
Pomona College  
Radford University  
Randolph-Macon College  
Stanford University  
St. Mary's College  
Towson University  
Trinity College (CT)  
Tufts University

University of Maryland-BC  
University of Maryland-CP  
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill  
University of Scranton  
University of Vermont  
University of Virginia  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
West Virginia University  
Wheaton College (MA)  
Williams College