

Hi! I am Cristal Munoz, Valedictorian of Medgar Evers College's class of 2020. I am 21 years old and was born and raised in the Bronx, New York. I live with both of my parents, Virginia and Ismael Munoz, and my older sister, Ismairy Munoz. My parents and sister were born in the Dominican Republic and moved to the United States before I was born to live the American dream.

Ever since I was little, my parents told me to take school seriously, and so I did. Throughout the years, I always received good grades. In middle school, I was selected as valedictorian. Later on, in high school, I was chosen as salutatorian. Now, four years later, I am the valedictorian of the class of 2020 at MEC. While a student at Medgar Evers College, I was supported on my academic journey by the Percy E. Sutton SEEK Program. I was an active SEEK student and fully engaged in every opportunity offered through the program, including being a part of the SEEK Entrepreneurship Academy, which enriched my professional skills and allowed me to secure an internship. With the SEEK Program's help, I was able to get an internship with Dev-Byrne & Company in 2017, where my communication skills were developed. In late 2018, I participated in the Ashley Stewart Ambassadorial Scholarship Program and was awarded a \$5,000 scholarship. I am now enrolled in another internship at AAA Architectural Hardware, where I have learned a lot about my technical skills and the business industry.

Having such high achievements in my educational years has helped me build confidence and shape my future. With my bachelor's degree in Business, my ultimate goal is to become a businesswoman with multiple businesses, one of them being a restaurant. Aside from wanting to own a few businesses, I also want to obtain my Master's in Business Administration (MBA). I live by the motto "What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals" - Zig Ziglar.