



## NEW Scholarship recipient! Meet Santiago

Santiago is an 18-year-old first-year Law student at Universidad de Ciencias Empresariales y Sociales (UCES) in San Francisco, Argentina. After considering Santiago's application and interviewing him and his family, Atrapasueños Association awarded Santiago a VISIONAR scholarship for the 2019 academic year.

Santiago's goal is to become a lawyer and dedicate his career to protect the rights of people who are marginalized: the poor, the elderly, the handicapped, and other disadvantaged groups. On his application essay, Santiago explained that half of his family, on his father's side, comes from a disadvantaged part of society, living in poverty and not finding a way to thrive. Serving as role models for Santiago, the other half, on his mother's side, have been able to get an education and lead productive lives. Santiago was raised by his maternal grandparents, and one of his dreams in life is to help people who face the types of adversity he experienced with his family. In addition, Santiago aspires to take a leadership role in local government and use that platform to help those in need.



Two of Santiago's former teachers, Rodolfo and Sergio, describe him as highly motivated and very collaborative. For instance, Santiago used to help his classmates with free after-school tutoring. Also, during high school years, Santiago was involved in community projects such as collection of recycling material, volunteering at local retirement homes, and organizing a donation campaign of baby items to help underprivileged families in the San Francisco community. Santiago's high level of engagement with the community will now continue as he chooses a volunteering project to fulfill his VISIONAR requirement of four hours of community service per month.

Join us in welcoming Santiago to VISIONAR and wishing him continued success in reaching his goals.

Gabriela Mondino, VISIONAR Scholarships

Santiago is joining five other VISIONAR students this year: Paula, Gaston, Ines, Emilia and Luana. We will provide updates on all of them through the year.

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**Please consider supporting one VISIONAR student through the school year, which represents USD \$500 in today's exchange rate. This amount helps to pay for university fees, school supplies, books and transportation. As always, any amount is deeply appreciated and welcome.**

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Gabriela