Maryland Student Honored with International Award

Arlington, Va., February [XX], 2024 – Liana Torres of Owings Mills, Maryland, received the 2024 Yes I Can Award for Transition from the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). Liana will be honored this March along with other Yes I Can recipients at the CEC Convention and Expo in San Antonio, Texas.

The Yes I Can Awards celebrate the achievements of children and youth with exceptionalities, encouraging these individuals to seek their highest potential and increasing public awareness of the abilities, aspirations, and personal qualities of those with disabilities.

Liana, a college sophomore, has exhibited remarkable resilience and unwavering determination while navigating family and school relationships. She navigates the world while managing ADHD and mental health challenges.

After graduating high school, Liana moved on her own and started working in an orthodontist office, supporting herself completely. After facing several challenges, she realized that she would need to change course and decided to attend college.

Now a sophomore at Stevenson University, Liana is majoring in Criminal Justice. With loans and scholarships to support her, she is thriving in her new environment, finishing her freshman year on the Dean’s List. Liana has been able to succeed in college by setting schedules for herself and advocating for herself and the accommodations that she needs.

Her nominator says, “Liana is recognized for her self-advocacy, determination, and 'won't let that stop me' attitude. Liana is the true representative for 'if at first you don't succeed, try again!'”

The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) is the largest international professional organization dedicated to high-quality education that is inclusive and equitable for individuals with disabilities. Learn more about CEC at https://exceptionalchildren.org/.

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