

# City Success Story #70

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“LÚCHALA Y VE POR ELLA.”

## OMAR SERRANO

... HONOR STUDENT ... ATHLETE  
... FUTURE BUSINESS LEADER  
... MICHIGAN CITY SUCCESS STORY

Hard work and determination have helped this Michigan City High School senior rise to the top.

**EAGER TO LEARN:** When Omar Serrano entered Lake Hills Elementary School as a fourth grader, he struggled to speak English and was performing lower than his peers. “It was really hard at first, especially with schoolwork. I couldn’t get help at home because my parents were only Spanish-speaking. But my teachers and other students would stay after school and help me.” He took on extra homework and worked tirelessly to overcome his language barrier and other cultural obstacles. By fifth grade, he was placed in advanced classes.



**STELLAR STUDENT:** In June, Omar will graduate from MCHS with a 4.25 GPA. He’s a member of the National Honor Society, vice president of the Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society, and has seven varsity letters: four in soccer, two in golf, and one in football. He also volunteers at a local soup kitchen, takes college prep courses at PNW, plays club soccer, and is a caddie at the Long Beach Country Club. (He is pictured with Western Golf Association representative Richard McNamee, a longtime mentor.)

**TEE-RIFFIC:** His caddie experience, grades, and strong character won Omar the prestigious Chick Evans Scholarship, which will cover his tuition and housing at Indiana University. He will major in international business, combining his love for languages and travel. “The hurdles I faced have actually helped me. City has provided me with the academic, athletic, and social experiences I need to be ready for college.”

**SECRET TO SUCCESS:** “My mom has a saying: ‘Lúchala y ve por ella.’ It means, ‘Fight for it and go get it.’”

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