



Alejandro Johnson-Eusebio

Alejandro is a living, breathing example of what makes this country great. Alejandro moved to Anchorage from Puerto Rico when he was only seven years old, and he didn't speak a word of English. This challenge would have prevented some students from pursuing an education, but not Alejandro. He dedicated himself to his studies and achieved a perfect attendance record throughout elementary school.

Alejandro feels that Anchorage has provided a great life for him and his mother. He acts as his mother's translator, and much of his ambition to attend college and become a successful businessman is attributed to his desire to relieve some of the burdens in her life. Alejandro is also aware of those who have helped him along the way, and is eager to contribute to the Anchorage schools and organizations that encouraged and inspired him to make a life in a country and state full of promise.

In addition to being active at school, Alejandro participates in "Anchorage United for Youth." The AUJ is a collaboration of more than 40 non-profit, public, and private partners that all work together to engage youth, bring together a wide collection of partners and volunteers, and lead the conversation about what it takes to help our youth succeed.

Alejandro is proud to have succeeded in the city's public school system, and is a real asset to the school he attends, particularly in assisting with bilingual students. His teachers, counselors, peers and friends all find him an inspiring and uplifting example of what opportunities are available to immigrants who have dreams and goals and are willing to work hard to achieve them.