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PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS RECEIVE “INSTANT ADMISSIONS” BY KEAN UNIVERSITY

Plainfield, NJ – January 14, 2019 – For Eduardo Flores, Valedictorian of the Class of 2019 at Plainfield High School, being admitted to Kean University today as part of their “instant admissions” process, is a great opportunity to get a head start on his selection for college this Fall.

“It’s a great opportunity. An open door, one of many, hopefully.”

Flores, who is interested in computer science, has applied to many colleges and he said today’s offer is a great one because it includes the *Kean Presidential Scholarship*, which translates into money instantly. “I will be able to compare with other schools and see which one is offering me the best opportunity.”

As many as 30 students will be interviewed this week by schools visiting Plainfield High School ready to offer their students “instant admissions.” The schools include Mercu College, Lincoln Tech, New Jersey City University and Kean University.

Prior to the interviews, the students registered online, submitted their SAT Scores, along with recommendation letters and school transcripts.

Mr. Lee Best, Guidance Counselor for Plainfield Schools, said the students with GPAs of 3.4 and above are attending the interviews. For them, “It’s not having to wait for the mail to arrive.”

Sergio Perez Calles was accepted to Kean’s Spanish Speaking Program, which is open to students who are English Language Learners (ELLs). The program offers students

English as a Second Language (ESL) courses at the same time they are completing their coursework in their desired majors. The students then transition to all-English courses in their junior and senior years.

Perez Calles said, "I am so happy, because I will be able to continue my career while I better my English. It's a personal choice for me. Perez Calles looks forward to graduating with a degree in Political Science with the hope of returning to his native El Salvador to engage in political life and help his community. "There's lots of social, political and economic inequalities and as political leader I will be able to help and provide services for the benefit of the people."

Kean Admissions Officer, Daniel Flores, congratulated all the students who were admitted today and said, "I hope they join the Kean community and the special environment we have for both their major and their career goals."

Ms. Vanetta Solomon, Senior Advisor to Plainfield High School's Class of 2019, said, "Instant Admissions" means students can choose the best package available to them in the long run. They will know what is going to work for them, and they will be able to compare. "

Victoria DeLaRosa, who also received the early admission offer by Kean, said she wants to be a social worker and today's offer was very important to her.

"It's important because if you want to do a lot with your life, go to college. Without college you'll be okay, but with college you are a step ahead."

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