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**Triton College Graduate Miguel Sahagun Recipient of Elmhurst University
Full-Ride Scholarship**

Scholarship Worth Approximately \$80,000



RIVER GROVE, Ill. – Miguel Sahagun of Melrose Park, a May 2023 Triton College graduate, is the recipient of the Triton Scholars Program-Elmhurst University Full-Ride Scholarship. The scholarship is worth approximately \$80,000.

At Elmhurst University, Sahagun plans on studying public health and aspires to become a doctor.

“I feel really passionate about studying medicine and helping people,” he explained.

Sahagun grew up in Melrose Park and attended Proviso Math & Science Academy in Forest Park. During his freshman year of high school, he failed his physics class.

“Failing my physics class severely degraded my sense of self-worth and competency at the time. Eventually, years later, I climbed to the top of my class and developed my passion for learning,” he explained.

After graduating from Proviso Math & Science Academy in 2021, he wanted to attend a college that was close to home and affordable. At Triton, he tested into the Scholars Program.

“At Triton, I knew I was going to save a lot of money and the opportunities were endless,” he said.

While a student at Triton, Sahagun volunteered 100 hours of his time to Triton’s Academic Success Center as a tutor. He has tutored many students in multiple subjects.

As a member of the Scholars Program, Sahagun credits Dr. Michael Flaherty, the Scholars Program director, for helping him reach success during his years at Triton. He said Dr. Flaherty has a “fervor” for watching his students succeed.

After receiving the Triton Scholars Program-Elmhurst University Full-Ride Scholarship, Sahagun said he feels an “endless amount of gratitude.” He feels Dr. Flaherty’s encouragement helped him receive it as well.

“How many people can graduate from college without any debt? I am very grateful,” he said.

Although Sahagun plans on majoring in public medicine at Elmhurst University, he still isn’t sure what area of medicine he wants to study. As of right now, he’s focused on beginning his new adventure at Elmhurst University as a commuter student.

“I loved everything about Triton College,” he said. “I loved the people, close-knit relationships and beautiful campus. It was amazing.”

The Triton College Scholars Program is a two-year program for academically talented students. The students selected for the program plan on transferring to a competitive four-year college or university after Triton.

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Triton College is a two-year college dedicated to helping members of the 25 Western Cook County communities in our district and beyond to achieve educational, professional and personal success. Located in River Grove, Ill., Triton offers more than 120 degree and certificate programs on its 110-acre campus, featuring a comfortable, friendly and diverse atmosphere. Triton also holds classes at satellite locations and offers online learning opportunities. Triton's dedicated faculty and staff work to provide high quality, convenient and affordable educational opportunities to more than 14,000 students each year. Triton College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Learn more at <http://www.triton.edu/>.