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Madeira High School Junior Aces ACT

Madeira High School (MHS) junior René Polanco recently joined a unique group of students nationwide when he achieved a perfect composite score of 36 on the American College Testing (ACT) test.

The ACT evaluates what students have learned in high school to determine their academic readiness for college. Their composite score is the average of correct answers to 75 English questions, 60 mathematics questions, and 40 each of reading and science questions. Close to 2 million students took the ACT last year, with an average composite score of 20.6 out of 36. A perfect score of 36 is rare, with only 0.334% attaining it.

René took the test for the first time in September 2020. “After I took the ACT I felt at least moderately sure in all my answers, so I knew there was a chance something like this would happen but it was still a surprise when it actually did,” Polanco stated. He recently found out how just well he did when he received notification about his accomplishment and was presented with a commemorative trophy. His parents watched via a video call.

René is very involved at MHS. He is a member of the Marching Band, Latin Club, Academic Team, Model UN, GSA, Mock Trial, and Chess Club. He also volunteers at Madeira Middle School helping with Math Counts.

Of René’s accomplishment, MHS Principal Dave Kennedy said, “This is a great achievement for René. His dedication to academics along with his extracurricular activities is impressive. We are looking forward to seeing what he will accomplish in the future!”



Pictured: René Polanco and his parents Tara and Héctor Polanco, via video.