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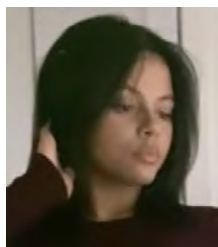
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## More Than Bootstraps Fellow Selected as a 2023 QuestBridge College Prep Scholar

WESTFIELD and PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY – June 8, 2023. The New Jersey non-profit organization, More Than Bootstraps (MTB), celebrates the achievement of **Jailene Cabrera** on being named a **QuestBridge College Prep Scholar**.

The [College Prep Scholars Program](#) is a highly competitive program that equips high-achieving high school juniors from low-income backgrounds with the knowledge, confidence, and resources to apply to top colleges.



Jailene is currently a high school junior at **Passaic Preparatory Academy**. She is considering a career in nursing. As a College Prep Scholar, Jailene will have campus visit opportunities, specialized guidance for the college application process, and other support for the college admissions journey. Being a College Prep Scholar will also help Jailene next year if she applies for a four-year college scholarship through the QuestBridge National College Match.

Jailene's success in this endeavor is thanks in part to her More Than Bootstraps College Student Leader, **Michelle Carpinteyro**. Michelle was a College Prep Scholar herself and is a QuestBridge Scholar. She mentored Jailene through the application process. This summer, Michelle will help lead the college summer program for College Prep Scholars at her home institution, Emory University.

"Thanks to **Melissa Reyes**, a current QuestBridge Scholar at Dartmouth, and Michelle, several of our High School Fellows applied to QuestBridge. We applaud all of them for putting themselves out there," said **Audrey Fisch**, founder and president of More Than Bootstraps. "Melissa and Michelle's success has enabled Jailene, and we know she will, in turn, pay it forward. Together, our high school and college graduates demonstrate the power of More Than Bootstraps and their ability to lift each other as they rise."

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#### About **QUESTBRIDGE**

QuestBridge is a national nonprofit that connects the nation’s most exceptional, low-income youth with leading institutions of higher education and further life opportunities. By recruiting, developing, and motivating these students — beginning in high school through college to their early career — QuestBridge aims to help talented, low-income students attend the nation’s best colleges and to support them to achieve success in their respective careers and communities.

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