**Efren Mora Rivera 2013 Gregg Garon Scholarship winner**

The next featured scholarship winner is Efren Mora Rivera. Efren is an amazing young man, who is a 2013 graduate of Orange Glen High School. He plans on attending CSU San Bernardino and majoring in kinesiology and continuing his soccer career.

Efren has overcome incredible hardships in life. When he was 11, he witnessed his father doing drugs and beating his mom. His Dad, who he once looked up to, abandoned the family, leaving Efren's mom to raise him and his sisters. At one point, Efren felt like giving up on his education AND soccer. But, his Dad leaving made him more ambitious to play the game - he saw it as a "necessity" . . . a way to better himself and get into college.

He received outstanding recommendations from coaches and counselors. One noted "it takes an extremely courageous and extraordinary human being to walk in this young man's shoes . .Efren is destined to affect great things and create changes beyond our community". Another wrote, "Efren is resilient. His purpose is clear, to pursue a higher education for a better future for himself and his family".

We are so proud that Efren Mora Rivera is one of the 2013 Gregg Garon Scholarship recipients . .he truly exemplifies the characteristics we are looking for!