



The Right Place

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I'm twenty years old and my birthplace is Lima, Peru. I came to The United States almost two years ago with all my family to find work. I left my home, my friends and my university; I knew that my life would be different and harder because my first language is Spanish.

At The New America School-Lowry, I learned and am still learning new things every day. At NAS I found a second family, I found the help I needed to be successful, and my teachers are patient and are helpful. I am learning English and still able to work. I will miss this school so much but I will come back and help when I can because I like helping my teachers, learning new things and meeting new people who could need my help. My dream is to be in a big room teaching math with thirty or forty students, and making students believe and prove that math is not that hard. I wish to speak educated and professional English. I know I will have reached that level when one day I can read, understand and enjoy one of my favorite books, "Crime and Punishment" by Feodor Dostoyevsky, as well as I did in Spanish.

I will make my dream come true and I know this is not going to be easy... I miss being in Peru, the food, the people, the warm feeling, the places, the weather, and every single thing that sometimes made me feel happy and sad as well. But now I have decided to start this long journey in order to graduate from college and then from university, and I will not give me up, no matter how difficult it might get.

