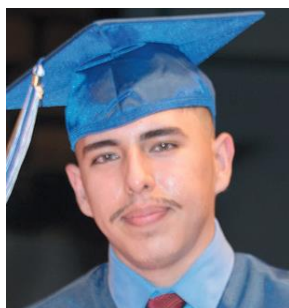




The Right Place

Manuel Perez, New America School Class of 2017



*New America School-Thornton's **Manuel Perez** is a standout leader in the classroom, and is looked to by his peers and classmates for support and approval during class discussions and debates. As his Language Arts teacher Christina Matteucci writes, "Manuel is thirsty for knowledge and his leadership style influences his peers to participate and put their best effort forth."*

In addition to excelling in school, Manuel has demonstrated a strong desire to make a positive contribution to our society and community, volunteering with organizations such as A Precious Child and The GrowHouse. While at NAS he effectively juggled his volunteer obligations with academic demands, earning the school's highest ACT score as well as a National Career Readiness Certificate.

He will be the first in his family to pursue a college education, enrolling at Front Range Community College to study business, with hopes of becoming an entrepreneur and successful business owner.