

## Illinois Student Wins \$10,000 Fred Meijer Scholarship

**George Cruz-Peralta**, a Meijer team member at the Melrose Park, Ill. store, was recently awarded the \$10,000 **Fred Meijer scholarship** to support his aspirations of studying mechanical engineering at **Triton Community College** this summer before heading to the **University of Illinois at Chicago** in the fall as a sophomore.

George balanced his job as a team member at Meijer with an active high school career as soccer captain and member of the National Honor Society while earning a 4.0 GPA. George also served his community, volunteering with the **Great Chicago Food Depository**, **Relay for Life** and **St. Baldricks Foundation** supporting childhood cancer patients. After college, George would like to be an aircraft technician and hopes to join the Air Force.

“George is a valuable worker, whose energy and outgoing personality is evident to his team members,” Meijer Co-Chairman **Doug Meijer** said. “We are thrilled that we can help support him as he pursues his goals in higher education.”

For the upcoming academic school year, Meijer distributed \$473,000 in scholarships, furthering the education of 153 Meijer team members and their children. Of that amount, two recipients received the \$10,000 Fred and Lena Meijer scholarships and 151 others received \$3,000 scholarships.

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