

Chipping In

Yankees assist local students with college scholarships

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From Bernie Williams and Orlando “El Duque” Hernandez to Jorge Posada and Robinson Cano, the steady influx of talent from Latin America has helped the Yankees achieve great success on the field in recent years. By giving back to the Latino community, the Yankees are helping the next generation of leaders find success in their chosen fields.

On Aug. 4, five Bronx college students were recognized in a pregame on-field ceremony as part of the 21st Bronx Dominican Day Parade festivities. In addition to carrying the Yankees banner in the July 25 parade along the Grand Concourse, Diorvic Gonzalez, Carmen Coco, Genill Reynoso, Julian Adames and Vincent Subervi each received scholarships courtesy of the team.

“It’s amazing because without help from different kinds of people, we would never be able to get things like laptops or transportation or go to school,” said Reynoso, an 18-year-old Lehman College student. “You can have the dream, but you also need the resources to be able to accomplish all these things, so it’s really, really helpful.”


For Adames, 18, the timing was impeccable. He was at Yankee Stadium three years earlier when Alex Rodriguez hit his 500th career home run. Seeing A-Rod hit No. 600 on

Aug. 4 was the icing on the cake for the Lehman College student, who plans on putting his scholarship money toward graduate school and becoming an engineer.

“My father’s going to be really proud,” Adames said.

The Yankees’ involvement with the Bronx Dominican Day Parade followed a similar partnership earlier in the summer with the 53rd National Puerto Rican Day Parade. Five local college students — Arielle Algarin, George Carillo, Edward Lopez, Wendy Moquete and Raymond Subero — were selected to receive scholarships and carry the Yankees banner down Fifth Avenue in the June 13 parade. The students were then invited to Yankee Stadium to be recognized prior to the Yankees’ July 1 game against Seattle.

“In our wide array of community initiatives and programs, youth and education are a priority for us,” said Yankees director of Latino affairs Manuel García. “This is why it is such a pleasure for us to participate in cultural events such as these, where we can celebrate alongside so many of our fans and at the same time help the leaders of tomorrow.”

The Yankees will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month throughout September. For highlights and more information, log on to yankeesbeisbol.com. 



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