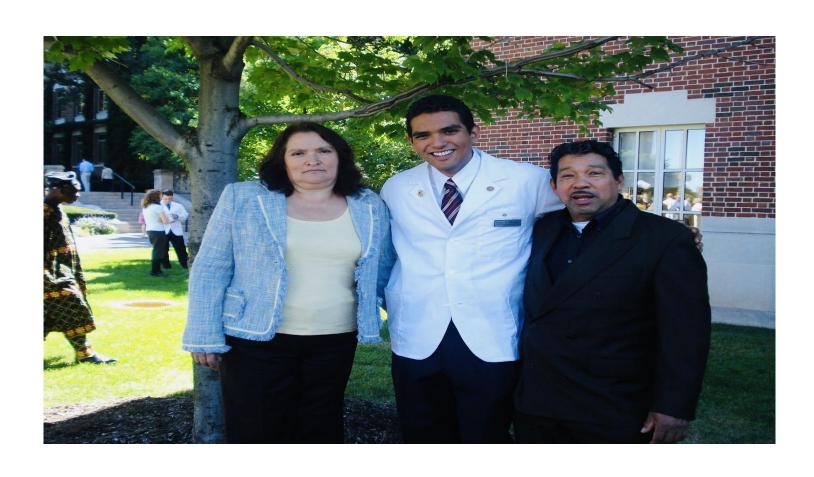
# My Winding Path to Medicine: From Undocumented Immigrant to Medical School Faculty Jorge O. Moreno, MD, ABOM Internist and Obesity Medicine Specialist



#### The Beginning

## A Story about a Boy

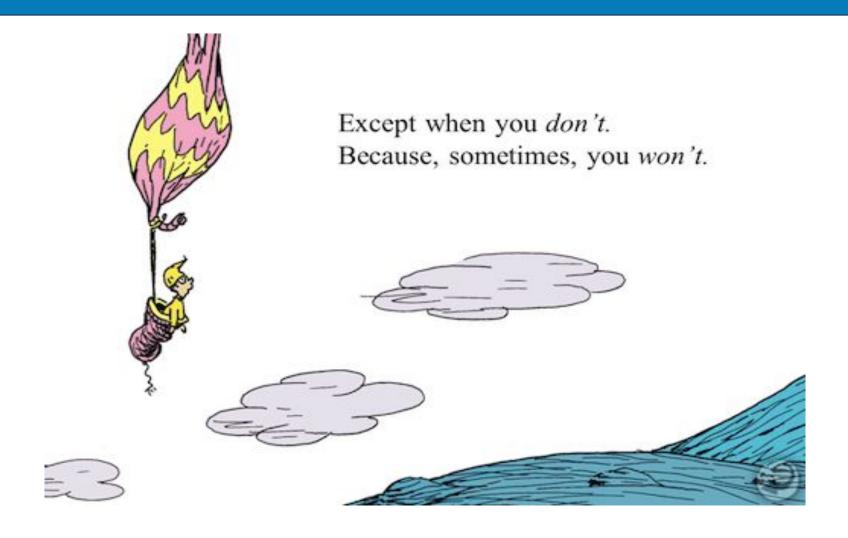
#### The Foundation: Mi Familia, Mi Hogar



#### My Winding Path to Medicine



#### Obstacles along the way



Dr. Seuss

#### A word about Standardize testing

SAT LSA MCA USML GR

#### Let's talk about money \$\$\$

#### College is expensive.

- Right now: Focus on Grades and your Essay. Not on the Money.
- Many colleges are <u>need-based.</u>
- Cost of Attending: tuition, dorms, books, meals
- Estimated Family Contribution: based on income taxes, FAFSA etc
- Demonstrated need: What you are expected to pay with scholarships and loans.

College #1 Cost of Attendance is \$77,000- Estimated Family Contribution is \$1,000: Demonstrated Need: \$76,000.

Key words to look for: 100% of need is met.

Income cut-offs: Many schools will provide "full scholarships" for family incomes

under \$60-\$100K.

Average household income in New London is under \$60, 000.

#### **Importance of Mentors**

3rd grade teacher 8<sup>th</sup> grade biology teacher **High school Counselor** College Adviser/Counselor College Professors Medical school Advisor Medical school professors Internal Medicine Residency advisors

### Making a phone call



#### **COVID Pandemic: Worked on COVID unit**





#### The message



