

# North Lawndale College Prep H.S.

## Alumni Profile

### Alberto Lara '05



#### (1)What university do you attend?

Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota  
<http://www.carleton.edu>



#### (2)What degree will you earn?

I will earn a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy

#### (3)What impact did NLCP have on your life?

NLCP defined my life. The impact was and is so great. Even though the evidence is clear and overwhelming, I do not think I can provide a fair assessment of the dedication and talent the people that sustain North Lawndale College Prep possess. There are mainly two things I want to say in regards to NLCP's impact on my life. First, I am grateful to have the opportunity to attend Carleton—a rigorous liberal arts college in the Midwest—from which I will graduate in less than two months. What is so special about my experience is the process by which I came to love Carleton but most importantly how I got here. The odds of me graduating from Carleton were almost nonexistent before I became a student at North Lawndale, where my moral and civic character was developed, and intellectual curiosity fostered and challenged. There I learned for the first time that I too had the opportunity to attend college, that my mother's immigrant struggle and our economic limitation were not legitimate reason not to attend college.

#### (4)What specifically can you say about your NLCP experience?

At NLCP, I was enriched with inspiration, commitment and academic dedication, pillars to success which I have embraced. The students, the staff and the teachers all united to help me attend college. At NCLP I was both granted awards and given the opportunity to participate in the following programs: Phoenix Rising, a summer at Georgetown University in Washington D.C., National Honor Society membership, AP Government Class with Ms. Bass, and successfully completed the Senior Project on the federal legislation Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act (The "DREAM Act").

#### (5)Was NLCP essential to your success (yes or no)? Yes. Absolutely, no doubt about it.

#### (6)If yes – why and how?

My experience at Carleton has been both challenging and rewarding, but I truly believe that I would never have placed foot on this campus if it were not for North Lawndale College Prep. I can sincerely say that I owe NLCP my academic success. North Lawndale Prep's rigorous academic curriculum in the humanities made college transition easier. The daily doses of motivation and respect I received inspired me.