

AAP Alumni Feature: Cruz Carrasco

1. Explain your time here at CMAS involving the Academic Achievers Program.

I learned about the Academic Achievers Program during my senior year in high school when we attended one of the college career days that CMAS hosted at UH. I was privileged to be selected as a member for the program because I was not a graduate from Austin High School. During my time at UH, I was a mentor for the AAP group at Austin High School and also a tutor for the AAP group at UH.

I learned and developed leadership as well as time management skills during the leadership retreats and workshops, which are some of the essential components of the AAP program. These skills were very beneficial as I became a member and was involved with student organizations on campus, such as Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, Inc. and The Society of Mexican American Engineers and Scientists (MAES). I am very grateful to the Academic Achievers Program and CMAS because of the support I received from them. It helped me become a first-generation member in my family to attend and graduate from a university.



2. How did the program benefit you when transitioning into your career?

The AAP program organized a job site visit to the offices of Progreso LLC, dba La Michoacana Meat Market during my last semester at UH. After the job site visit the Human Resources Manager reach out to me about a job opportunity. This was my first job after graduating college and it was all due to the job site visit organized by the program.

I was also privileged to be selected as the participant from AAP for the internship at NASA in the summer of 2006.

3. What are you currently doing in your career?

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