

First-Year Mentor Spotlight: Juan Reyes '23

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We know incoming freshmen and their families have a lot of questions about the academic, cultural and social climate at [UNH Manchester](#). That's why we're introducing you to the orientation leaders and Peer Assistant Leaders (PALs) who help first-year students adjust to campus life. This week's PAL is Juan Reyes '23, a [biological sciences major](#) and graduate of Manchester West High School.

[What advice do you have for new students?](#)

Keep an open mind and always try your hardest to succeed in whatever you do.

What brought you to UNH Manchester?

The fact that it is really close to my house and satisfies all of my basic needs for a college including academic, financial, and social needs.

What's your favorite class and why?

Principles of Biology because I am really interested in how life works in general and why organisms interact with the world in the way they do.

What do you hope to be doing in 10 years?

Saving lives in the emergency room of a hospital as a skilled Physician's Assistant.

Tell us your favorite:

- **Manchester restaurant:** Shopper's Pub Eatery
- **New Hampshire destination:** Piscataquog Biking Trail
- **Vacation destination:** Dominican Republic
- **Movie:** *Scott Pilgrim vs. the World*
- **Book:** *Jane Eyre*

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?

I would go to Rome.

As a child, what did you wish to become when you grew up?

As a child, I wanted to grow up to be a hero.

We'd be surprised to know that...

I do not have a middle name.

If you could try anything and not fail, what dream would you attempt?

I would try to win a fighting game tournament like EVO or Combo Breaker.

If you could go on a road trip with anyone (from the past or present), who would you choose and where would you go?

I would go on a road trip throughout Mexico with Gabriel Iglesias.

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