

Gabriel is an 18-year-old Hispanic client who has been receiving support from a City Impact clinician for the past two years. He is currently a senior at Pacifica High School and will be graduating soon. Gabriel was diagnosed with a specific learning disability in high school and has been working with the clinician on improving coping mechanisms, attendance, self-esteem, and other challenges he faces. Despite these difficulties, Gabriel has many strengths, including his talent in varsity soccer, a supportive family, and a team of professionals at the school who are dedicated to his academic success.

Gabriel comes from a financially challenged home, but thanks to the support of CI, he was able to overcome a significant obstacle. Initially, Gabriel was not planning to attend his graduation because his family could not afford to buy his cap and gown. Rather than admitting this, Gabriel falsely claimed he did not want to attend. However, after the clinician discovered the true reason, she worked together with his case manager to purchase the necessary items. Now, Gabriel will proudly walk across the stage at his graduation, with his family cheering him on from the audience. This heartwarming story showcases the dedication, compassion, and perseverance of our clinicians as they collaborate with school support systems to ensure the success of our clients. Gabriel will make history as the first member of his family to graduate from high school.