

# Mario Rico

Self-taught Cybersecurity student.  
Brag Sheet

## Volunteer Work

### Community Service

October 2024 - October 2024.

I helped one of my neighbors families get rid of their stuff after the flood and clean their yard.

### Avid Project — *Cards for the Elderly*

First Semester of 2025/2026

My avid class made cards for the elderly at La Casa Family Health Center.

### Avid Project #2 — *Lunch Lady Appreciation*

First Semester of 2025/2026

We made lunch lady appreciation cards, which I personally enjoyed, as they were a good idea based on what we had listed, and it was the first time we've seen that done at our school.

## School Activities

### Baseball

Freshman Year (little league as well)

This was the last year I played baseball since I was going to NMMI and simply fell out of love with the sport. I was going to be PO, though, if I stayed at RHS.

### Football

Senior Year (little league as well)

I enjoyed playing it, but through athletics, I built discipline, teamwork, and accountability. I got into the gym, though, and had a good connection with a handful, which was great.

## SKILLS

Tech / IT:

- Virtual Machine Setups (VirtualBox).
  - Kali & Ubuntu.
- Dual-boot systems.
  - Mint
- Basic coding/software & computer coding.
- Cybersecurity labs (TryHackMe & Meta2)

Soft:

- Cash Handling.
- Time Management.
- Collaboration & teamwork.
- Resilient / Determined under pressure.
- Creative problem - solving.

## Personal Strengths

I'm able to find solutions and create things when motivated/determined. (Portfolio, lab exercise, VM/dualboot setup).

I can grasp the basics/fundamentals fairly quickly and easily. (Learning from the processes listed above).

I can make new ideas as I observe common things throughout the day.

## Awards & Honors

### Algebra 1 Honors    World History & Geography Honors

Freshman year.

Sophomore year.

### Spanish 3 Honors    US History AP    AP Capstone | Seminar

Sophomore year.

Junior year.

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## Future Goals

### Short-term:

I'm hoping to get a job before graduation to start saving for a car and college funds, as well as receive my first certificate (ISC2).

### Long-term:

I'm really praying I can go to NMSU and continue my education, especially in cybersecurity, as well as minor in fashion design & merchandising. I also want to join their esports club.

## Reflection

An experience I'm proud of is spending my entire savings on this PC I was with my friend Brias at Walmart, right? I have left my job for football, didn't have enough for a car, and my parents didn't want to help me get one. So, we're looking at the pc's and none of them are good, metal bases, bad components, etc. All except one, the most expensive one sadly so I look at it and bought the last one coincidentally. The reason why I'm proud of this story is that I truly started becoming curious about ways to make money, from trying a Shopify & printful store, video editing, software development, & day trading (still doing this just underage). I also discovered coding and the career in cybersecurity, been following through with it and have been interested since. Want to be in purple team in the future, hopefully.

## Challenges I've overcome

I've developed strong resilience and the ability to stay focused under pressure, even during challenging personal circumstances.

I constantly overcome the family problems day to day. I know it's all love, but I ignore it and stay focused on my own things.

## Why I stand out

- <https://r2co.org>
- Made my own purple team lab (shown in my website).
- I was a top500 player in MW2019
- (Saving this slot for when I'm done with the ISC2)

