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I'm Ezzard Castillo, Administrator of River City Christian School in San Antonio, Texas. River City came into existence in 1995 when a family approached a pastor desperately seeking help for their children who were not having any success in the traditional schools settings. When I'm asked what I do? I respond that I see walking miracles everyday. The makeup of River City is as follows. You will see a diverse population. We are 50 % latino/hispanic, 15 % African American%, 10 % mixed, and 30% white. Socio economically the families are diverse. Several of my students are from single parent families, or are being raised by grandparents or another family member or adopted.

Before a student is accepted at River City there is an enrollment process. Our goal is to help the student and relieve the families of their frustrations. I usually begin the process by asking the parents how they hear about us. Most say, we have tried public , charter, home school, online schools, paid for tutors and nothing is working. Not being able



scholarship to complete his medical studies at Texas Tech University. Since 2008 with the exception of one or two students our highest ranking graduate has been a student of color who is doing or has obtained a College degree. Besides these amazing success stories, last year we had seven of our culinary students obtain their food handlers license and this year four of them are on track to obtain their kitchen manager certification. Restaurants have told us , send them to us and we will hire them on the spot. Currently we are working with a young man who graduated two years ago to become a fire safety inspectors assistant. The inspector tells me he

these precious souls. What years I may have left, I am dedicated to help these amazing, precious souls achieve their dreams and see that they are not “the forgotten ones! One