

# Featured Student - Ethan Gonzales (PLC '14)

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*Major - Environmental Engineering  
CU Men's Cross Country Team*

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**A**s a dedicated student and athlete, Ethan Gonzales is on the track to success. Not only is he pursuing a degree in Environmental Engineering and a member of PLC, but he is also a top competitor on the CU Men's Cross Country Team that recently placed sixth at the NCAA National Championship. Ethan loves being part of a team that pushes him beyond his limits and constantly makes him want to improve. Though Ethan has high hopes to one day win a national title, he has already accomplished a lot, including encouraging his sister to run cross country at her high school.

Outside of his running career, Ethan loves the idea of creating. With inspiration from individuals such as Elon Musk and Steve Jobs, Ethan hopes to one day create something that will improve people's quality of life and use his entrepreneurial spirit to combine his degree in engineering with his passion for art.

Throughout his time in PLC, Ethan reflects on the "really freaking cool" people as his favorite part of the program; he loves being surrounded by peers who are caring, driven, and working toward big things. Ethan's experience in the Multilevel Issues in Leadership class is also something that stands out about his experience. After choosing to research slums in India, Ethan was inspired by the new perspective he gained through his semester long research endeavor.

Though running is an important part of Ethan's life, he explains that is only a small piece of who he is. Beyond his career goals, Ethan also has a passion for music. Not only does he play the piano, but Ethan is also learning how to play the guitar and freestyle beatboxing...on the street he is known for the sick beats he drops over the freestyle raps he writes with some of his teammates.

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