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HOLLAND SENIORS ARE BACK ON TRACK FOR GRADUATION THANKS TO PRIMERA PLASTICS INC.

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Holland High School senior Clofas (CJ) Campos Jr. and 70 other area students are back on track for graduation thanks to a summer school tuition grant from Primera Plastics Inc. that allowed them to make up lost credits.

Campos, 17, passed Algebra II and Social Studies classes he had failed. He picked up a third class, putting him back on schedule to graduate with the class of 2014.

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Primera Plastics President Noel Cuellar, a Holland High graduate, provided \$5,000 in grants split evenly between Holland Public Schools and West Ottawa summer programs to defer the cost of tuition and help students make up lost ground in their classes.

All of the students that received tuition grants from Primera Plastics passed their courses at West Ottawa and Holland High School. Cuellar said he gave the grant money to encourage students to stay in school, graduate and pursue careers. "I wasn't the greatest student when I was in high school. It was only after I graduated and started work did I come to appreciate how education can change your life," said Cuellar who started college in his late 20s taking night classes in plastics manufacturing while holding a full-time job.



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