



# Associated Colleges of Illinois

**Roberto Jordan**  
**Concordia University Chicago**  
**ACI Peer Mentoring Program**



Roberto Jordan went to a large high school in his hometown of Lockport, Illinois. For college, what appealed to him was a smaller, more diverse school. After a visit to [Concordia University Chicago](#), Jordan was sold. He liked the Christian environment and the idea of personally knowing many of students attending the university. "Nobody is really a stranger here," he says.

Jordan is a business management major. "I like controlling things and making sure things are neat," he says.

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Jordan joined ACI's Peer Mentoring Program at Concordia at the suggestion of his resident advisor. He has learned how a mentor can help a first-generation college student. Plus, his mentor, Jorge Palacios, is also a business management major. "That

was a big thing for me, " Jordan says. "I'm starting to understand how the whole process works from going from college undergraduate to being in the workforce. He's filled in the blanks for me. That's probably the biggest benefit I could ask for – knowing how that process works, and it's assuring to me that I have a place to make it in the workforce one day."

For Jordan, the Peer Mentoring Program has also made it possible for him to have funds to buy books or other needed supplies, taught him about preparing to enter the workforce, and he's made many friends and connections through the program. He's grateful to his parents, who made it possible for Jordan, his brother and sister to be successful in high school and college. "I'm really thankful for what they've done for us because they've sacrificed a lot for us to have this opportunity," he says. "I feel like they're doing their best to give me the best opportunities for my future."

Jordan wants potential donors to know that the Peer Mentoring Program has made a big difference for him going from high school to living on his own as a college student. "I feel like I've really been assisted, and I feel much more comfortable now as a freshman about my studies and my future," he adds.