



2011-12 MN TRIO Achiever – Luis Castillo

Luis' upbringing was challenging and it was obvious to Upward Bound staff that he often used the Upward Bound summer program as a means of escape. He also used his creative background to motivate others and benefit the community. During his time as a Central High School student, Luis produced six musical shows that raised money for the Children's Home Society.

Luis has been a Michael Jackson impersonator for most of his life. His shows have all been Michael Jackson influenced and more recently, a Tribute to the King of Pop. After Luis earned his Bachelor of Arts from Metropolitan State University in Professional Communications, he returned to the stage with LEGACY in 2009 and has since started his own production company (LEGACY Live Entertainment, LLC). He's done numerous charity work as well as for-profit work.

During 2011-2012, Luis' company donated over \$32,000 to the SteppingStone Theatre to help support the programs they offer to the kids in the community. Luis started his Masters degree in Leadership at Augsburg College and is hoping to finish some time during 2014. He is currently employed by InterBank as a Senior Service Representative.