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Jorge Alexander, age 20, was born June 20, 1983 in Mérida, Venezuela, city where he still lives.

He is currently enrolled in the third semester of tourism studies at the Instituto Universitario Tecnológico de Ejido (IUTE), as well as his first year of Law in the Universidad de los Andes School of Law, Judicial and Political Sciences Department, in Mérida.

Aside from his university studies, Jorge is a talented, multifaceted youth with skills in everything from accounting to English. He is committed to topics that affect millions of adolescents, such as drug use, the defense of human rights and HIV/AIDS, a topic in which he has excelled as an activist and multiplying agent in knowledge about the infection.

Jorge's AIDS activism began at age 17, when he volunteered for several HIV/AIDS prevention campaigns. Later on, he trained to become an HIV/AIDS prevention instructor at the Wills Wilde Society, an organization that carries out these training courses under the auspices of the American Red Cross Hispanic Program in HIV/AIDS.

He has done educational work with communities, adolescents and young students through community HIV/AIDS prevention sessions, as well as offering information to users of an AIDS hotline in his native country.

In July 2002, he attended the XVI International AIDS Conference in Barcelona, Spain as part of the Wills Wilde Society work group stand. During the conference, he was selected as the main subject for a spot by the television station Televisión Española Internacional (TVE) about the world of information and HIV/AIDS.

Currently, he is volunteer at the Wills Wilde Society, serving as an HIV/AIDS instructor and counselor, offering direct information to users (children, adolescents and the public in general) at the Ana R. Linares library and through the Wills Wilde Society AIDS hotline.