

Episode 4: A Proud Mami

Episode description:

Did you know that Miguel was Valedictorian of the Class of 2020 from Manhattan College?! In this episode of *More Than Rice and Beans*, Miguel shares the speech he wrote and hoped to give in front of his classmates, beloved teachers, and family. COVID-19 delayed that event, and in the end, it was held virtually. Proud mom Tania hopes hearing Miguel's words about becoming bigger than your history, finding your path, and creating the future you desire inspires you.

Highlights:

- Miguel, Valedictorian of the Class of 2020 at Manhattan College, shares the original, uncut version of his speech.
- Miguel reflects on his path to becoming the first college graduate in his family.
- Tania gets much-deserved props for her decision to raise her children in New York City, her fight to get them into good schools, and the examples she set as a hardworking entrepreneur.
- Miguel explains why he pursued an education in mechanical engineering, despite spending over a decade becoming an accomplished musician.
- Miguel reflects on the opportunities he received while studying at Manhattan College.
- Why Tania is prouder of her children's happiness than any degree or career they've earned.

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