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Youngest psychologist: Andrew Almazan Anaya sets world record (Video)

Mexico City, Mexico -- Mexican teenager Andrew Almazan Anaya, 16, considered a child prodigy for his intellectual precocity, will graduate this month as a psychologist, setting the world record for the Youngest psychologist - and will go on to finish his last few semesters of medical studies.

Photo: Mexican Andrew Almazan Anaya to become the World's Youngest Psychologist at 16.
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The previous Guinness world record for the most people dressed as sunflowers was 116 set at The Nursery on the Green in London, UK.

Guinness World Records also recognized the world record for the most people dressed as Robin Hood: 1,119 at Castle Green, Nottingham, UK.

The young man, whose professional expertise made him famous throughout the country, gave an interview in which he explained that he wants to continue his studies in neuroscience and neuropsychology.

Wearing a tie and a doctor's white jacket in his office at CEDAT, a small school for unusually gifted children founded by his mom and dad a year ago, Andrew gesticulated little and spoke rapidly with his eyes fixed on whomever he was talking to.

"Since I was little I not only liked medicine and psychology, but also geography, astronomy, history, and even philosophy. But since there are a number of subjects that have interested me, I get to the point where there's not enough time to do all of them," Almazan said, acknowledging that most of his friends are, like him, very gifted people.

At the age of six years, the Mexican boy had already read all the works of Shakespeare, knew by heart the human skeleton and had an astonishing memory, according to a statement made by his father, a surgeon.

Three years later, the parents decided to homeschool Andrew because his classmates had isolated him.

At the same time the teenager was diagnosed with attention deficit disorder.

At age 12 Andrew Almazán went to college and this month he becomes (at 16) the youngest psychologist in the world.

At just 12 years of age, Andrew Almazan enrolled in college and now is just days from becoming the youngest psychologist at Valley of Mexico University and, in two more years, the most precocious physician at Panamericana University, where he is in his seventh semester.

Among his greatest achievements was winning the 2009 Youth Prize in the category of "academic, scientific and professional activities," awarded by the Mexico City municipal government, which he won against hundreds of young people ages 14-29.