



## Sam's Future 5 Story

*"Prior to Future 5, I never thought I needed help with my homework."*

“ Without **Future 5** I would probably still be a bit lazy and playing video games. I was so focused on them during my freshman year, but eventually I connected to so many different coaches, like Clif and Alec, who talked with me and became my mentors. I really like the environment and have a new peer group of friends as well.

Alec has taken me bird watching and taught me things outside the classroom that I would never have experienced. Following my graduation from Job Prep this past spring, Thomas and Ellen set me up for a summer internship at Mill River Park. I have participated in community service opportunities at **Future 5** throughout Stamford that have really opened my eyes.

As my video game career weakened over the years, other **Future 5** programs replaced it, most recently the College Prep Program along with a college coach. I requested Jack Donahue after having worked with him in Job Prep. He has made a big difference in my life and my plans. Last summer we decided that I would do all of my homework, ask for help and shoot for all As. I have given up my lazy ways and have completed my first semester with a 3.6 grade point average. ”

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