

On Their Way To The Top!



With your support, EVkids seniors are college bound! After working hard with their tutors and College Success Advisor Ashley Clavel on college applications, Swahibu and Kasilyn have been accepted to multiple schools and are making their final decisions.

Kasilyn started Tutoring eight years ago, and has attended the EVkids camp most summers as well. Kasilyn's tutors through the years have connected to her outgoing nature, bright smile, and love of learning, especially math--her favorite subject! As Kasilyn starts college, she has her sights on a career in teaching or sports management, and is ready to take the next steps to make her dreams a reality!

Swahibu first started Tutoring in 4th grade, and though he is quiet and reserved, Swahibu's strong bond with his tutors over the years has kept him sure and determined. Swahibu has always loved basketball, and recently enjoyed attending a Celtics game over February break with his current tutor.

Swahibu's love of basketball has inspired him to study sports management! Next year, when Swahibu starts college, his former tutor of four years Nick Flowers (BC '18) has already signed back on as his EVkids College Success mentor to help him adjust as he starts this new journey and to see him through to graduation.



Swahibu and Kasilyn have worked hard with EVkids Tutoring and now, thanks to you, they will continue to have the support of the EVkids community behind them to lift them up when they need it as they head to the top!



Save the Date!

10th Annual Expanding Horizons Gala

November 2, 2019

New College Success Project!

Helping Students Not Only Get to College, But Through It



as a tutor-tutee pair when Shaniece was 10. After three years together, they remained connected, with Cathy making sure to attend Shaniece's high school graduation and Shaniece being a guest at Cathy's wedding. Now, with your support, Cathy is advising Shaniece as she continues to pursue her education.

Another pair, Alvaro Berganza, in his second year at UMassBoston, and his College Success mentor Miguel Perez-Luna were a tutor-tutee pair for four years. They have maintained a strong bond, presenting together at the most recent EVkids Expanding Horizons Gala. Alvaro was also at Gillette Stadium to celebrate

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Miguel Perez-Luna and Alvaro Berganza

Thanks to you, EVkids is expanding its support to EVkids graduates through college as they take the next steps in their education. Our new College Success Advisor is encouraging EVkids with each stage of the college process, from setting up college visits, to application help, then matching students 1-on-1 with a trained EVkids College Success mentor once they get to college.

For some students, the College Success Project is providing formal support to relationships that have existed since Tutoring, matching students with former tutors they already respect and admire. For example, Shaniece Rivers, now at Southern New Hampshire University, and her College Success Mentor Cathy Sirois, first got to know each other



Shaniece Rivers and Cathy Sirois

Miguel received a 2018 Myra Kraft Community MVP Award for his work with EVkids, which now also includes service on the EVkids Board of Directors. Their lasting connection allows Miguel to guide Alvaro and ensures that Alvaro knows he has someone who believes in him and will support him throughout his college career.

Whether they are building on a previous bond or creating a new one, College Success mentoring pairs will now receive ongoing support from the EVkids College Success Advisor and the rest of the EVkids community, to make sure that EVkids graduates have everything they need to succeed in college and beyond! Thank you.

Are you a local young professional or EVcorps alum?

Think you would be a good mentor for a college student?

We're still recruiting for a male mentee who just finished Year Up! Contact College Success Advisor Ashley Clavel at ashleyclavel@evkids.org or (617) 394-8374

Not Just Skating By

While academics are the foundation on which Tutoring pairs build their relationships, spending additional time together outside of Tutoring helps tutors become mentors as well. Recently, a few tutors had the opportunity to go above and beyond to make sure their tutees aren't just skating by. A few pairs enjoyed cheering



together at a Celtics game, bonding over their shared love of the team. Others made the most of winter weather and skated together on Boston Common's



classic Frog Pond, and got donuts afterwards to make the day even sweeter! Your support allows Tutoring pairs to have times and experiences like these that will form strong, lifelong bonds for maximum impact.

More than a Tutor

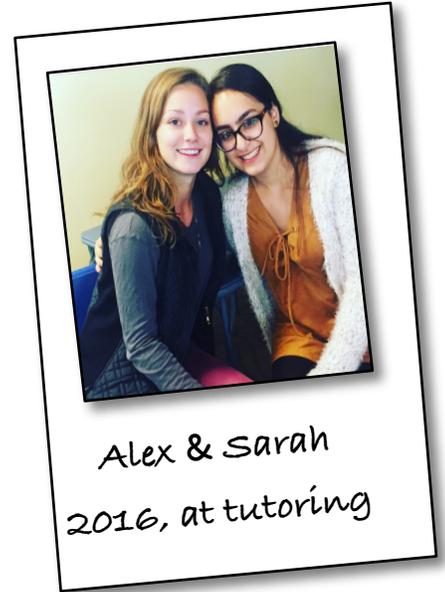
When Alex Flynn first started as an EVkids tutor, she expected to build a relationship with a student that would help her get through high school and into college. What she did not expect was for that to turn into a friendship that would last long after she helped her tutee accomplish those goals.

Alex and Sarah were paired together as freshman, Alex at Boston College and Sarah in high school. They met at Tutoring every week for four years thanks to loyal EVkids supporters like you. Alex's encouragement and positivity created an environment where Sarah felt safe enough to ask for help on anything, from academic problems to personal ones, giving her an extra support system throughout her high school career.

With Alex's support and encouragement, Sarah became determined to make her dreams of becoming a trauma surgeon a reality by applying for college. Alex proved a valuable guide to Sarah through the daunting task of applying both for colleges and scholarships, as Sarah's parents had emigrated from Iraq and were not familiar with the college process. Both Sarah and Alex graduated in 2017, and now, Sarah is a sophomore at Emmanuel College, studying biology. Though Alex and Sarah no longer meet once a week, Alex still checks in regularly on Sarah, ensuring that she knows Alex will always be there for her. For Sarah, both Alex and EVkids continue to be a true community of support, helping her work to make her dreams a reality.



Alumni Spotlight



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YOU'RE INVITED!

DC Reunion

April 13, 3-5 p.m.

Hosted by Jonathan Lavy ('01) and
Marie Scott ('02)

Beers for Bright Futures

April 26, 7-8:30 p.m.

Harpoon Brewery

NYC Reunion

May 11, 4-6 p.m.

Hosted by Scott Murphy (H '92) and Jen Hogan

Community Celebration

May 4, 6-8 p.m.

272 Mount Vernon St.

Corcoran Mullins Jennison Community Building

Details at www.evkids.org.

Contact 617-297-2239 or carloncampbell@evkids.org for more information or to RSVP!

