



AGE: 11

LOCATION:
Cocoa, FL

Celebrating Success and Transforming Lives.

“My self-esteem wasn’t always high and I wasn’t always good at socializing. Being in group {at Eckerd Connects’ Prevention Services program} has been fun but also helped me with my socializing because a few years ago I wouldn’t talk to anyone, but now I’m even talking in class.”

The Eckerd Connects Success Award recognizes individuals who have overcome adversity, demonstrated resilience, and achieved remarkable success through their involvement with Eckerd Connects programs. These inspiring stories showcase the transformative impact of our programs in empowering individuals to overcome obstacles and build a brighter future.

SHAWN

ACHIEVEMENTS: Learning to express himself, Improving his grades, Bolstering his self confidence.

Shawn comes from a hard-working, low-income family that can’t afford any luxuries. He has struggled with extreme shyness and lack of self confidence throughout his young life and that has affected his grades. This determined young man entered the Eckerd Connects’ Prevention Hi-Five Brevard County program in fourth grade in hopes of overcoming his personal obstacles. Thanks to the program, Shawn learned to express his feelings through art, and he’s gone from not talking in class to becoming an active participant. His grades are improving, especially in math and he now socializes with friends. Receiving the Eckerd Connects’ Success Award will allow Shawn to take his parents and little brother on a dream vacation, a weekend trip to Universal Studios in Orlando.

ADDITIONAL STATS:

- Shawn’s teacher notes that he has benefited greatly from Eckerd Connects’ Hi-Five services, raising his hand to participate in learning... and really shining in math.
- He attends a Title 1 school with his little brother.
- He also received new shoes through Eckerd Connects.

“It makes me feel happy and special that I am being recognized... Being in Eckerd Connects’ services has helped me to be more social and believe in myself more... I like who I am. I like that I’ve improved my socializing. I used to not know for sure if what I had to say mattered. Now I believe it does.”

HOW TO SUPPORT THE SUCCESS AWARD:

Your support can make a difference in the lives of individuals striving for success. Consider making a contribution to the Eckerd Connects Success Award to help us continue our mission of transforming lives. Visit our donation page to contribute and make a positive impact today.

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