

Celebrating Success and Transforming Lives.

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.

THOMAS (AGE 12)

"It's so easy for a kid to see that every time you do something bad you get in trouble, but it's harder to show them that when they make good choices good things come of it...The value of being able to take my son and my family to do something like this [Sea World] is priceless to me."
— Parent

Thomas had serious behavioral issues before entering the Eckerd Connects' Brevard Hi-Five Prevention Program. His family struggles financially. While a bright student, Thomas's lack of emotional regulation skills got in the way of his chances for success. He continually received negative referrals.

With the Hi-Five Program, Thomas got the help he needed, learning to cope with his emotions in healthier ways. In the past, going on a special field trip would have been out of the question. But Thomas set a goal to be able to attend a Sea World field trip with his classmates—that meant receiving no more negative referrals. By listening to his advisors, Thomas learned strategies to improve his behavior and bring his grades up to make the A/B honor roll for the first time. He even volunteered at his school to help with yard clean-up. Thomas was able to go on the field trip and now, thanks to Eckerd Connects Success Awards, he will get to go again, this time with his family. For his dad, that meant the world.

Additionally, Thomas also received a new computer as part of his Success Award.

"This means a lot to me. I've been working real hard on my behavior and making good choices. The laptop will help me because I can work on my hobbies and use it as a coping skill. It might help me get a job early in life. The Sea World passes might help me get closer with my friends and family and they can be proud of me."

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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