



MEET OUR YOUTH Alex

Alex did it! He worked hard and graduated from Point Loma University in May 2018 with a degree in Information Technology. As if that wasn't exciting enough, Alex also started his new job a couple weeks later with the City of Moreno Valley.



Alex was first introduced to Rancho Damacitas as a young foster child. As he grew, Alex focused on his education and his love of science and computers. Alex then became a *New Heights Scholarship* recipient, a program through Rancho Damacitas that offers financial support to former foster youth from Riverside County working on advancing their careers through trade, community college, or university educations.

“Although an abusive and neglectful family, and eight years in foster care are chapters in my life story, they are only the beginning to a life I have today and a future filled with hope!”

In 2015, Alex spoke at the annual Champion's Luncheon about the impact the scholarship was having on his life, and like many foster youth who receive support, Alex wanted to give back by volunteering at Rancho Damacitas during his school breaks.

We are so thrilled that the *New Heights Scholarship* program has helped another former foster youth achieve their educational goal. **We will be celebrating Alex and other scholarship students at a Celebration BBQ on June 29th. For more information on attending, please contact Kristi at (951)302-2317 x238 or email her at Kristi@4kidsfirst.org.**