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Azaria got involved with Beacons through a friend in 8th grade. She says, "When I was young I was lost, I didn't know what I wanted to do, but Beacons set a direction for me. Like a beacon, it's a Light, and it leads a direction where you want to go."

Beacons offered Azaria friends, the chance to try new things, and opportunities. Azaria attended Beacons leadership camp in high school and loved the opportunity to be a leader for younger kids. As her Beacons staff member says, "I think her involvement with Beacons, and the development of her leadership ability she has gained, has allowed her to think about her options for the future. She is an example of what Beacons is all about."

Azaria is now looking to the future, planning on attending college, and coming back to Beacons Leadership Camp as a staff member to help other young people benefit from experiences like hers.

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