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Daniel came to Beacons two years ago, with a difficult high school background. After being expelled from his previous high school, one of his teachers at Edison introduced him to Beacons. Daniel says, "I love Beacons. It's a great opportunity for me. It keeps me in place; it keeps me on track." Throughout his time in the program, Daniel has strengthened his coping methods, learned to advocate for himself, and increased his self-confidence.

He is now doing well in school and planning to attend college after graduation. In the meantime, he continues to grow his leadership skills, attending Beacons Leadership Camp. At camp, he shows younger kids how much fun they can have at camp and shows them "the Beacons Way." As Daniel says, "I came from nothing and now I have everything with me. Now I have family with Beacons."

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