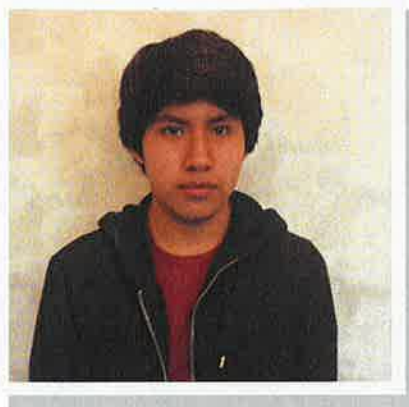


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Why I'm Here

Afterschool programs, like STEM Scholars at TFI, exposes other Philly students and I to the world of STEM. We get to meet real-life scientists by partaking in trips to laboratories or spending time at events like the annual Science Festival. STEM scholars also paid for an ACT class that lasted several months.

The class helped to raise my score up by 5 points. Along with exposure to STEM, the program helps me, well preparing for college, which is extremely important.

What Congress can do:

Congress can help by passing laws that would increase government funding. From personal experience I know that afterschool programs can benefit students. These programs should be available for all students without economical status being an issue. Today's students need these programs to become better leaders of the future.



The Afterschool Alliance is a nonprofit public awareness and advocacy organization working to ensure that all children and youth have access to quality afterschool programs.

More information is available at www.afterschoolalliance.org.