

My name is Adam Allen, I am the youngest of 3 boys, and I was born and raised in Bakersfield, and Sacramento, CA. I attended Valley High School, where I initially struggled and was a problem child. It was not until I was introduced to (IYT), that I began to grow, and my behavior and academics began to flourish. After graduating from Valley 2016, I went on to attend UC Merced where I graduated in 2020 with a Bachelors in History. Following graduation, I applied to IYT and served as Lead Mentor at Luther Burbank High School, before recently being promoted to Program Manager at Valley High School and Samuel Jackman Middle School. In life, I realized that if I wanted to leave an impact on my community, then it is imperative that I discover my why. Upon hearing about this program, I was instantly interested in being apart of it and that's simply because it aligned with my why; which is to inspire young people who come from similar backgrounds as me, instill in them the fact that they are more than what society tells them they are, and help them tap into their full potential, just as I was when in their position. Career wise I plan to stay in education and one day work a job where I am able to impact and revise the curriculum being taught in our schools. My hobbies include listening to music, watching sports, true crime documentaries, and reading.