

When Nomar Melo began in Ms. Azer's OneGoal classroom at Williamsburg Prep, he was skeptical and unsure of himself.

"I struggled to find my voice, constantly doubting myself." But soon, things shifted. "Ms. Azer's belief in her students is what set her apart," he said. "She pushed us beyond our self-imposed limitations."



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He started thinking about his future differently. Ms. Azer helped him explore the costs and benefits of different pathways after high school. He reflected, "It's not just about name recognition or prestige; it's about finding a place where I belong and where I will thrive."

Nomar enrolled at Stony Brook University to study computer programming, staying connected to OneGoal for support with scholarships and financial aid challenges. At the end of his first year, he faced a turning point. AI was on the rise, and Nomar began to worry about the future of programming jobs. "I wanted to find something that's both stable and a passion of mine," he said. OneGoal was there for him as he confronted this big decision. Today, he's majoring in economics with plans to earn his MBA. Nomar is heading into his future with confidence, carrying with him the lesson he learned in that classroom: you don't have to do it all on your own.