



## Supporting Youth Towards Independence

### *Jordan's Story*

Jordan is a 2021 Hanna graduate and a lifelong Sonoma resident. He attended Hanna and, after graduation, pursued higher education for a Nursing degree.

**Growing up as the middle of three children, Jordan recalled being rebellious and struggling with dyslexia.** “I always had good grades, but reading comprehension was tough for me. When I entered Hanna, I was in middle school, where class sizes were large. The teachers didn’t have time to work with me one-on-one, which is what I needed to improve.”



As Jordan grew, his home situation became increasingly stressful, and he became more rebellious. His mother struggled to raise and feed three young children alone. Already familiar with Hanna and the positive experience of one family member, the family determined that Hanna could also be the best place for Jordan.

Within two semesters of attending school at Hanna, Jordan’s reading comprehension “did a full 180.” The school librarian regularly worked with him, and his writing and reading assignments ceased to be so labor-intensive. This was the first time he had received tutoring for his dyslexia, and it proved to make all the difference.

Jordan graduated and immediately enrolled in the junior college. The transition proved to be more than he could handle at the time. “The environment was completely different: I didn’t realize – and I was not good

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and after a year's break, Jordan reenrolled with a clearer understanding of the commitment. **“And now, I’m asking for the support I need. Even as an alum, Hanna is helping me navigate steps toward becoming independent.”**

Jordan reflected on how his life might be different if attending Hanna had not been an option. “I had a lot of anger issues in my early teens,” he says. “Hanna helped me get through that period. If I hadn’t received the help I needed, I very likely would not have pursued higher education. Now, I’m the first in my family to do so. And I can help my mom out. **I’m optimistic about my future and thankful that Hanna was there for me.**”

## SUPPORT YOUTH LIKE JORDAN

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### Follow-on

Hanna Center’s Follow-On department helps students acquire or create necessary documentation such as resumes and cover letters, state identification, social security cards, birth certificates, and driver’s licenses.

Staff work closely with community partner agencies to expand the array of services offered to students and alumni, including internships, jobs, and mentorships, both academic and career-focused. The department also oversees and maintains all functions of the Sisters of St. Francis Scholarship Program, which are available to graduating seniors and all alumni in their efforts to pursue higher education.



### SUPPORT FOLLOW-ON

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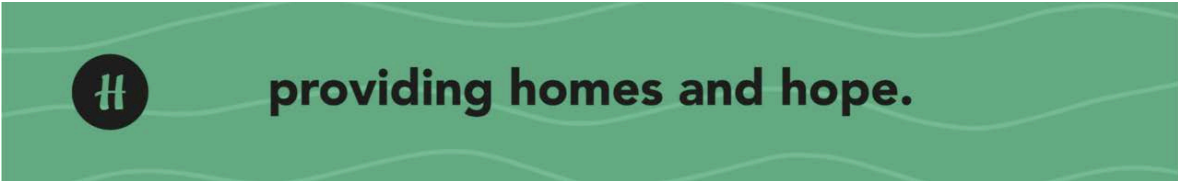


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