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Entrepreneurs at All Access Life

High school was one of the best experiences of my life! My time at John Rennie High School left me with many memorable experiences and helped shape the person I am today.

I was initially nervous about transitioning from my specialized elementary school into a mainstream high school. Since I am in a wheelchair and have nonverbal spastic cerebral palsy, I and wasn't sure if I would be accepted. Luckily, Rennie has one of the best Resource departments and they did a phenomenal job integrating me. The staff and students welcomed me with open arms and I truly felt included in everything I did. This is also where my journey with Dan, my full-time aid, began.

I remember attending my gym classes with my adaptive walker and my teachers would duct tape a hockey stick to my walker so I could play stick hockey with everyone else. My classmates would constantly pass me the ball and I would score goals.

There are too many teachers that had an influence on me to name them all and I'm so fortunate to have been surrounded by such supportive and inclusive staff.

My favorite memories were made at leadership camp. This was a 3-day trip that was held every year where aspiring leaders would unite and learn the necessary skills to lead various activities. This is also where I learned to step out of my comfort zone. Every year at camp, I would give a presentation in front of hundreds of students and tell them about myself, my anxieties, my insecurities, my interests, etc... This would showcase my humility and the students would then understand how to interact with me and include me in the activities.

John Rennie has played a pivotal role in shaping the person I am today. I now run a nonprofit business with Danny called [All Access Life](#), an organization that aims to

empower people with disabilities and make our world more accessible.

Thank you LBPSB and Rennie for teaching me how to be a leader!