

A REFLECTION FROM SAM, A 2015 KISMET GRADUATE WHO WILL BE GRADUATING FROM LAW SCHOOL THIS SPRING

As I reflect on my own journey with the Kismet Rock Foundation, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the profound impact it has had on my life. From the moment I stepped into its embrace, I was enveloped in a community that believed in my potential and nurtured my growth every step of the way. The lessons learned on the climbing wall transcended mere physical prowess; they instilled within me a sense of determination, perseverance, and self-belief that paved the way for my success.

The Kismet Rock Foundation holds a special place in my heart, as it played a pivotal role in shaping the trajectory of my life during my teenage years. At a time when I was navigating the complexities of adolescence, struggling to find my place in the world, this remarkable program extended its guiding hand and offered me a beacon of hope and support. Through its unwavering dedication to nurturing the potential within each young individual, the Foundation not only saved my life but also illuminated a path towards personal growth and fulfillment.

Now, as I stand on the threshold of graduating from law school and embarking on a career as a prosecutor in Belknap County, I am keenly aware of the Foundation's role in shaping the person I have become. The values of resilience, empathy, and integrity instilled during my time with Kismet Rock have not only guided me through the rigors of academia but have also prepared me to serve my community with compassion and purpose. My journey is a testament to the Foundation's unwavering commitment to nurturing the potential within every child, regardless of their background or circumstances.

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Sam (3rd from left) with her Kismet group during an indoor climbing day.

As we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Kismet Rock Foundation, I am filled with a deep sense of pride and gratitude for the countless lives it has touched and transformed. To the mentors, volunteers, and supporters who tirelessly champion our mission, I extend my heartfelt thanks. Your dedication and generosity have not only changed individual lives but have also enriched communities and inspired hope for a brighter future. As we look ahead to the next chapter, I am confident that the Kismet Rock Foundation will continue to be a guiding light for generations to come, empowering young individuals to reach new heights and pursue their dreams with unwavering determination and courage. The Kismet Rock Foundation will forever hold a cherished place in my heart, serving as a beacon of hope and inspiration for all who dare to dream and strive for a brighter tomorrow.