

## Where Are They Now? Meet a CPE Alumnus

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I'm currently a freshman at Yale, pursuing my dream of an acting career through a major in Theatre Studies. I owe being here in large part to CPE and my mentor.

Without CPE, I wouldn't have had the support I did through high school. And I would be minus one very good friend, Andrew Maurer, my mentor.

Having an adult to talk to really helped me develop into a more mature person. He helped me reach my goals by reminding me constantly that I had goals! I could always expect a call from him at least once a week, checking in on how my life was going and making sure that there were no major issues.

My mentor was there for me throughout high school and is still there for me today. He has played an important role in helping me get where I am today. I hope someday I'll be able to give back to CPE in some way because they have given me so much.



Jesse Kirkland and his CPE Mentor, Andrew Maurer

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