

TM

TEST MESSAGE FROM: Bryce W., ASAS Intern <bryce@afterschoolallstars.org>

To:

Yesterday at 3:01 PM



ALL-STAR News



MY WEEK WITH AFTER-SCHOOL ALL-STARS: WHAT I LEARNED FROM TEACHING AND LISTENING

Hi

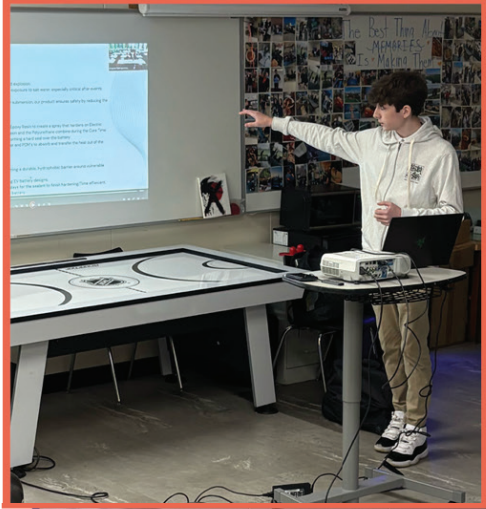
I’m **Bryce**—a rising high school junior with a passion for problem-solving, innovation, and giving back. This past week, I had the opportunity to intern with After-School All-Stars (ASAS), and it left a real impact on me.

We ran two sessions focused on launching a business—starting with identifying a real-world problem and building a solution around it. I wasn’t sure how students would respond to something like business strategy, but they got it instantly. Their curiosity, creativity, and energy really blew me away.

Throughout the week, I worked closely with **Guillermo Escobar** (National Director of Programs) and **Donny Faaliliu** (SVP of Leadership & Community Outreach), who helped me refine the sessions and make them even better. Their guidance meant a lot to me. **ASAS is clearly built on a culture of mentorship—not just for the students, but for anyone willing to learn and grow.**



ASAS LA students from Schurr High School gather for a group photo with Bryce after a learning session that included a virtual appearance from entrepreneur Joel Ohman.



Bryce provides feedback on pitch ideas during an engaging session at Bell Gardens High School.



Students dive into Bryce’s immersive technology during a hands-on demo of his VR project, EcoVision.

That same mindset—finding a problem and taking action—is how I approach most things. It’s how I developed *EcoVision*, a VR project that brings nature experiences to people recovering from surgery or living in places without easy access to the outdoors. And it’s what led me to advocate for foster youth after volunteering at the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch.

At the Ranch, I saw kids sleeping in tents because of a policy that forced them to move every two weeks, even when safe, open housing was available. I helped campaign to change that law, and thanks to the **Stable Homes for Foster Youth Act**, those kids now have more stability. I was honored to be nominated for the **UN ChangeMakers award** for that work, but what matters most is the impact it made.

Whether it’s in business, advocacy, or everyday moments—I’ve learned that leadership is about stepping up when something doesn’t feel right.

That’s why ASAS stands out. The staff are deeply invested in the students, and the programs offer so much more than just after-school support—they’re about building confidence, skills, and opportunity. I only got a glimpse of everything ASAS offers, but I left feeling so inspired by the students and the mission.

Thank you to everyone at ASAS for making this week so meaningful. It’s an experience I’ll carry with me for a long time.

Best,

Bryce W. — ASAS NATIONAL SUMMER INTERN



DONATE TODAY

SUPPORT ESSENTIAL SUMMER AND
AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS WITH A GIFT TODAY!

