



Student Spotlight

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If you have visited SPARK! on a family weekend, chances are you have met Chris. Chris is both a SPARK! employee and a Creator Studio participant. His inviting smile has greeted visitors to SPARK! for over a year and a half. Chris just finished his senior year at Cristo Rey College Prep in Dallas, Texas. His first exposure to SPARK! was as a volunteer for “A Night of Whimsy”, a SPARK! fundraiser in October of 2017. At that event Chris’ energy and enthusiasm garnered him an invitation to work at SPARK! as part of a program through Cristo Rey.

During conversation with Chris we asked him what he enjoys about his work at SPARK! “I like working with kids, especially when they are involved in a creative activity. I see the impact on kids’ confidence and creativity. Like when you place materials in front of them and see a lot of creativity come out as they work on their own project.” At school, Chris enjoyed a recent Science class that focused on the environment. At times, what he learned made him sad. But he is hopeful that through awareness of our actions and the impact they have on the environment we all can make small changes that will help the environment.

During his free time Chris enjoys reading and painting. He has also rediscovered his joy in working with Lego® pieces in the SPARK! Creator Studio. Chris designed and built a city of his own out of Legos. Chris says he “was able to work about a month putting it together. It came out of my mind and represents a Utopia more than a particular city.”

Recently, Chris has been busy selecting a college to attend in the fall and thinking about what he may want to do after he graduates. Currently he plans to study journalism and a perhaps have a career in fashion journalism. With those goals met, he aspires to become an editor of a fashion magazine.

Chris enjoys traveling, especially his visits to the Chicago area where he has family. In the future he would like to explore Asian culture with visits to Singapore, China, and South Korea. Chris says he “finds the Asian countries and culture to be very beautiful and advanced in areas of science.”

If granted a superpower, Chris says “It wouldn’t be a physical strength but instead one that could help humanity on an emotional level.” We at SPARK! wish we could grant that as a superpower but believe Chris may have a bit of that power already.

QUICK Q&A

Q: Beach or Mountains?

Chris: Both! But if I had to choose it would be beach.

Q: Book or Movie?

Chris: Book.

Q: Math or English?

Chris: English.

Q: Cake or Pie?

Chris: Pie.

Q: Favorite Pop Artist?

Chris: Lady Gaga.

Q: Favorite Dallas Restaurant?

Chris: Thai Star. I enjoy Thai food and like the atmosphere there.