## Student Spotlight Story: Kain Kaba

## EVkids

This spring, we welcomed **Swahibu Kaba** as our Social Media & Marketing intern. Swahibu is a Youth Council member, longtime EVkids Tutoring and Camp participant, and College Success student (currently studying at Southern New Hampshire University Online). As his final internship assignment, Swahibu wrote a brief profile of his brother Kain, detailing the positive impact that EVkids has made in Kain's life. Thank you Swahibu!

**Kain Kaba's** time with EVkids has been a journey of growth. When he first joined, he was trying to balance his schoolwork with a part-time job, extracurricular activities, and family obligations. It quickly became overwhelming, and his grades started to slip because he couldn't keep up with everything. He was struggling to stay organized, and it made everything feel even harder.



Swahibu (left) and Kain at a Boston Celtics game with EVkids in 2024.



Kain (left) with Cormac in 2019. They are continuing to work together through EVkids College Success.

But with the help of his mentor, **Cormac (Tufts '21)**, things began to change. His mentor worked with him to create a more organized routine. They broke down his tasks into smaller, manageable steps and set clear goals. Together, they came up with a plan that helped him manage his time better, prioritize tasks, and create a more focused study schedule.

As Kain started sticking to this new routine, he saw improvements not just in his grades, but in his confidence as well. His work was more organized, and he wasn't missing assignments or feeling as stressed. He was able to approach his work with a more positive attitude and had a clearer vision of what needed to be done.

Now that Kain is in college, he continues to use the time management skills he developed with his mentor. He stays organized with a planner and digital reminders, making sure he's always on top of his assignments. Juggling his schoolwork and responsibilities feels much more manageable now, and Kain is excited for what comes next, confident that he can handle whatever challenges lie ahead.