



## Eye on Alumni: Drew Winston

*Drew attributes Rising Tide's schoolwide objectives and benchmark skills for helping him to be successful in college.*

Drew Winston graduated from Rising Tide in 2022, having attended the school since fifth grade. He is very grateful for the teachers who helped him identify things he was interested in and assisted him in deciding where he was headed. They helped him with college prep, the common app, and the many questions he had about different subjects. Dr. Schoener, Mrs. Tew, Mr. Mainster, Mr. Mardit, and plenty of other teachers were all a great help.

Drew's college experience has been going well. He said, "Rising Tide has definitely prepared me for the workload, as I have been required to stay on task and stay focused to get all of my work done. Though it has been a ton of work, I have been able to keep up with scheduling homework on certain days and making sure to start early to get ahead of everything. I am currently attending Worcester State University with an undecided major." Drew thinks he may pursue a career in communications or history.

Drew is confident that Rising Tide prepared him for college. "The 'Self-Directed Learner', 'Community Steward', and other schoolwide objectives have shown to have meaning and actually be useful. The ability to seek help when needed, email professors, find research resources, cite sources, utilize the MLA format, all have been especially helpful as I've used every one of these strategies every day in college. I am very happy I attended Rising Tide. I am extremely thankful to all the staff and teachers at the school."