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Kai's Camp Vibes

Ka'iulani Warren is a high school senior living an active life with type 1 diabetes. Ka'iulani excels in Running Start, beginning her college career at age 16. She also plays basketball for her high school and participates in indoor soccer and unified soccer. Ka'iulani first attended the Chris Dudley Basketball Camp 5 years ago. She shared with us about her camp

experience and what she has learned through her time at CDBC.

"The Chris Dudley Basketball Camp has changed my life. For years, I had heard what an amazing camp it was but I was always too nervous to go. Finally in 2012, I decided that it was time to go. Camp is a place that I will always call home. There's just something about the people and the place that makes it so special. The minute you get out of your car, you're instantly welcomed by friendly faces, whether they are old or new friends. When we all go back to camp, we pick up right where we left off from last summer; laughing, making jokes, and just catching up with one and other. My experience at camp has been so amazing because I've made so many lifetime friendships with campers and staff. Growing up, I wasn't surrounded by people who had diabetes; so sometimes it got really hard and I felt lonely. But at camp, I'm not the girl who has diabetes and plays basketball. I'm just another girl who plays basketball. But it's not just the basketball aspect either; it's the fact that all these people understand and know what you go through everyday when it comes to diabetes. These are the people I can call or text on days when my blood sugars are all over the place and I'm struggling. These are not just people who I see once a year, they are my second family and I don't know what I would do without them. The Chris Dudley Basketball Camp is an amazing place where I can feel normal for one week out of the year and I've been so blessed to get the chance to come here for 5 years!" - Ka'iulani Warren, 5 year camper.