

What They're Saying About The Able Trust

Testimonials on The Able Trust's High School High Tech Program

"I was a little bit giddy, but I knew I had a job to do."

These were the confident words of Alex, then a high school senior, as he prepped his camera in the reserved press area of Tropicana Field, surrounded by his favorite baseball players. He had long dreamed of becoming a photographer, and now, with the help of The Able Trust's High School High Tech program, that dream was set into motion.

Alex has a learning disability, but he hasn't let that stand in his way. With dreams of becoming a sports photographer, Alex joined The Able Trust's High School High Tech (HSHT) program, which enables students with disabilities to explore in-demand careers

Through HSHT, Alex landed an internship as a photographer for a Little League team. His HSHT program then went one incredible step further and connected him with the photographer for the Tampa Bay Rays baseball team. With a field pass, camera, and press credentials, Alex shot photographs for nine innings, side by side with players, videographers, and professional photographers.

"Such a memorable night," Alex remembers. "An experience I can't put into words."

Alex's goal was to build onto this amazing experience and make photography his career. Today, Alex has his own company and contracts with two different media companies, enabling him to photograph several different teams and events.

The Able Trust is proud to play a part in creating valuable, real-world experiences like this one, helping students with disabilities to explore career options, find their passion, and learn to navigate a path to success.



Alex Walworth

About The Able Trust's High School High Tech Program

The Able Trust HSHT program provides high school students with various types of disabilities the opportunity to explore jobs or postsecondary education leading to successful careers.

The program is designed to: 1) improve participation in education, vocational and employment-related activities for youths with disabilities; 2) increase their enrollment in postsecondary education and training; and 3) help them identify and pursue a successful career path. During the 2018-2019 school year, The Able Trust HSHT program served 1,250 students with disabilities at 43 sites in 40 counties and achieved a graduation rate of 99% for all participating seniors.

