

Summer School Profile: Miles Summerson

By James Allen



James Allen, Summer Term Supervisor, works alongside Summerson

Student Miles Summerson has been part of Brooks Summer Programs for just about as far back as he can remember. Today, the 16-year-old rising junior credits a good deal of his academic success to his parents, hard work, and the Brooks Summer School.

Summerson first joined Brooks Summer Programs as a camper at Brooks Summer Day Camp when he was in kindergarten. Years later, his family heard about the Brooks Summer School from friends.

In preparation for taking the SSAT – the test that private, independent, and parochial schools require for entrance Summerson enrolled in the summer school as a rising seventh grader.

“Summer school opens up a lot of opportunities,” said Summerson. “It really helped me hone in on skills I needed to learn.”

In his first summer sessions, Summerson took classes in SSAT math, creative writing, and SSAT English. Each of the three-week SSAT courses reviewed the content of the tests, taught test-taking strategies, and ended with significantly increased scores for him. Meanwhile, Summerson learned persuasive and creative writing skills for use on the SSAT’s essay, on his school application requirements, and with his middle school classes.

Several months later, Summerson applied to a number of private schools, ultimately deciding to attend Brooks School where he says he enjoys all types of classes, is part of the baseball and squash teams, and enjoys outdoor activities.

“The camp and summer school really shaped who I am,” he said.

This year, Summerson is back at Brooks Summer School, focusing on getting into his top colleges by taking prep classes in SAT English and SAT math. He has taken diagnostic tests, set goals for his test scores, and learned a number of strategies to maximize his potential.

“Summer School has been really good,” he said. “I like the material, and it has helped me get a grasp of the SAT.”

Summerson’s mother, Lucy Liu, was impressed by the safe, well-prepared lessons Brooks has provided. “Summer school has a lot of activities to keep kids excited to go,” said Liu. “We are very happy with the staff who are very responsible.”

Students and caregivers thinking about enrolling their children in Brooks Summer School should consider how such classes can help them explore.

“I feel like I’ve broadened my interests from summer school,” said Summerson. “Things I wouldn’t even think about during the year I could explore during the summer.”