

Zawadi Noel has tutored my daughter, Alex Leeds, for over five years. Alex is an aspiring young artist, now 20 years old, who hopes to work in animation, cartooning or illustration. Alex has autism and related learning challenges. Alex has worked with Zawadi in small group sessions and in one-on-one sessions, both in-person and remotely, via Skype. Alex started working with Zawadi when she was in high school. She is now a freshman at art college, and Zawadi is still working with her.

Alex loves her tutoring sessions with Zawadi and really looks forward to them. Zawadi has successfully engaged Alex in a wide range of skill-building projects that are also really fun for her. Zawadi has supported Alex while she was learning different art styles, mediums and approaches, while completing assignments in high school, while building her portfolio to apply to art colleges, and now at a competitive art college with classwork and skill-building. Alex was accepted at several art colleges and is now attending the school of her dreams in New York City.

As a tutor, Zawadi is highly skilled, flexible and effective. He is insightful and patient, as well as consistently positive and encouraging. When faced with challenges in Alex's skill level or motivation, he has been able to develop approaches that work for her. Zawadi has helped Alex process and appropriately respond to feedback and criticism of her work from other students and college professors. Zawadi is an art tutor, yet he has also been able to help Alex with pragmatic skills like organization, communication, developing effective work plans for completing long-term projects, and strategies to manage her time and work more consistently.

I highly recommend Zawadi as a tutor. Zawadi has been a source of inspiration and strength for my daughter, and has been instrumental in helping her achieve her goals. I can say, without reservation, that Zawadi is the most effective tutor with whom Alex has ever worked.

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