## Students Without Limits' Rising Stars



Meet Leslie. Leslie was devastated to learn senior year of high school that the abusive woman who raised her and claimed to be her mom, was not really her mom, and that her biological mom was a drug addict who gave Leslie away at two months old. She was told that she couldn't attend college due to her uncertain immigration status. Leslie came to

us broken, despairing and looking for help. Since joining SWOL, she now lives safely with a loving caretaker, and is almost finished with her first semester in college. Leslie is studying to become a social worker for traumatized children.



Meet Joram. Joram is a high school senior with a 4.2 GPA. His family is seeking asylum in the U.S. after being terrorized and his brother murdered by gang members. Joram joined his high school SWOL club seeking help to apply to college. He was uncertain that he could even attend college. As a SWOL participant and leader, he has gained the confidence, knowledge and hope to keep working hard in order to graduate high school and attend college. He consistently attends SWOL school workshops and encourages other students to attend. Joram's goal is to attend UCLA, UCSD or Cal Poly and become an electrical engineer.

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