Meet ALM in Biology Graduate, Sarah Boylan.

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My degree has directly impacted my classroom environment, as I can teach my students some of the content, skills, and lessons that I learned during my time at HES. I was appointed the Director of the Applied Science & Engineering Program and have reworked the curriculum in line with what I learned through my thesis experience. Furthermore, my degree will aid me tremendously in obtaining future teaching jobs or administrative roles.

The professors are the best resources as they are truly interested in your success. I was inspired by the dedication and care many of my professors showed. They have so many resources at their disposal which can help support your work at HES and beyond. For example, one of my professors provided me with an assignment that he gives one of his other classes that would be appropriate for my high school molecular biology students.

Looking back on my experience at HES, I came across some challenges, whether it was traveling to Cambridge, MA over the summers or finding time to complete my homework. However, like many of the best things you do in life, the obstacles only made the experience that much more valuable. While the thesis process may seem daunting and other schools may not require it, I am so grateful for the opportunity to complete hands-on research under the guidance of Harvard scientists. I learned a tremendous amount from that experience and the skills I acquired will be transferable to various other fields. I believe that my experience at HES not only enhanced my support of my high school science students, but also gave me skills that would open avenues into other professions as well if I wanted to leave teaching.