



## Future 5 Coaching: Meet Laura

*"I've met people I can lean on at Future 5, people who have grabbed me by the hand to help me reach my life goals."*

Laura is a senior at Stamford High School who started coming to **Future 5** as a sophomore. She's engaging, enthusiastic, motivated and hopes to become a speech pathologist. Laura will be the first person in her family to attend a 4-year college.

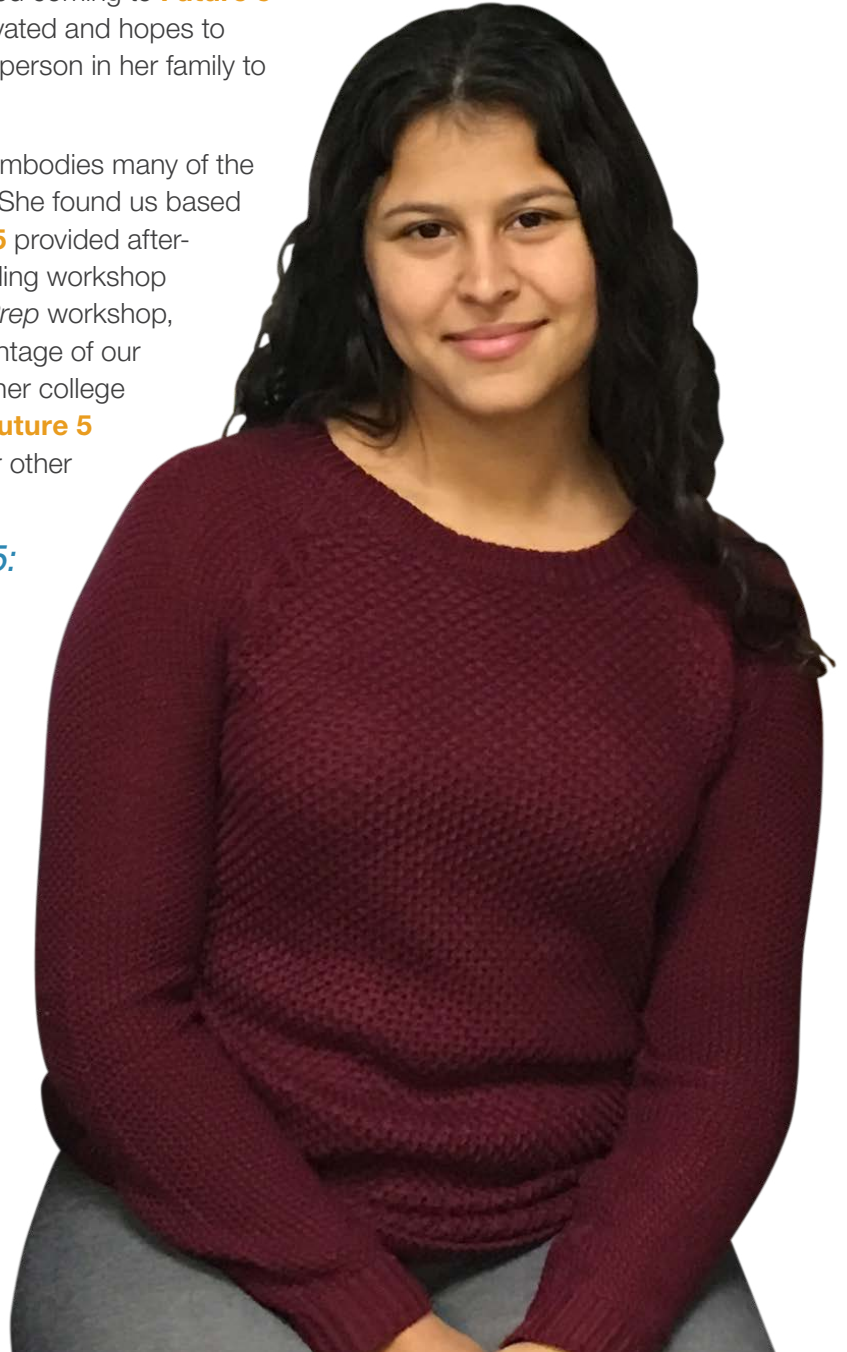
While there is no "typical" **Future 5** student, Laura embodies many of the characteristics of the students who climb our stairs. She found us based on a friend's recommendation (hearing that **Future 5** provided after-school snacks!). After completing our character-building workshop *Here to There*, Laura went on to complete our *Job Prep* workshop, joined in weekly community service, and takes advantage of our academic tutoring sessions as well as working with her college coach, Lindsay Valk. Laura was also selected as a **Future 5** Student Ambassador, being a positive role model for other student members.

### *We do coaching differently at Future 5:*

Rather than matching one student to one coach, our members, like Laura, partner with many coaches (and their connections), as well as corporations and community organizations, throughout high school.

This is the *Power of Connection* at work at **Future 5**. It is the force that creates brighter futures.

Please consider making a financial connection on behalf of students like Laura before the New Year!



**Future 5** helps motivated, low-income high school students in Stamford connect to their full potential.

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