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Sam is a soon-to-be graduate of the biology education program (BSEd) at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He has spent his time at IUP participating in a variety of extracurricular clubs and student-run organizations such as the SEEDS club (Strategies for Ecology Education, Diversity, and Sustainability), Habitat for Humanity, and Kappa Delta Pi (Education Honors). Sam has also worked as a chemistry and physics tutor for the university's Academic Success Center, and as a tour guide and office worker for the university's admissions office. Sam is from Cambria County, Pennsylvania where he graduated from Forest Hills high school. Sam's goal is to teach in a secondary science classroom of his own and provide students with a safe and equitable learning environment where positive connections can be forged and a good, genuine education is within reach for all students, regardless of their backgrounds, learning styles, and abilities.

