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SCHOLARSHIP SPOTLIGHT

This week in the spotlight is IBEW 2213 Scholarship recipient, Massimo Daniels . Massimo is the son of Tiz Daniels from the Western area. Read on to learn about him. Also enjoy his essay in which he shares how the union affected his Life!

Massimo Daniels-Graduated from Starpoint HS in 2017. He was on the Spartan football team and ran track and field. In Fall 2017 he started his freshman year at Buffalo State College in Buffalo, NY. He is majoring in Health and Wellness. He will continue to work toward his goal of becoming a Physical Therapist. He has also been chosen to mentor in the fall for the Compass program which helps incoming freshmen.

“Two years ago the union had affected my life when 40,000 Verizon Communication workers stepped onto the street and went on strike. In 2016, from April 13 –May 27, IBEW and CWA had went on strike against Verizon. My mother had offered my brother and I the chance to support the picketing and First Amendment. It was a great experience and amazing how many people there were supporting this. It wasn't only just in front of my mothers job where we were picketing, but also at the Verizon Wireless stores; standing strong against them. It was nice having a little support on our backs. We had people honk their horns and stop with cases of water to support us. People from other unions also walked with us in support. There were rallies held and my brother and I attended in support. Although it was a great time supporting this, my mother has no job nor income for a little over a month. At home, we were struggling but I was still grateful for my father. He has his job so at least one income was coming in. I know that some households may have only one parent, or both parents that were on strike which would be struggling even more.

At the end of April, things got more stressful when my mom lost her health insurance. This was a major concern due to the fact that my brother and I both played sports. We basically had to worry about anything when we had practice or a game such as getting injured. My brother was just entering Nichols School and after all the expenses paid, we didn't want anything happening. I also had my regents exam in the same month and it was stressful having to worry about my exams and my family. I'm just thankful that everything got resolved, and that the unions stood together strong in every way. It was great seeing a sea of red and walking together.