

Northumberland man chosen as Afterschool Ambassador

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Travis Stevens, of Northumberland, was named Monday by the Afterschool Ambassadors, which works with local afterschool programs, according to a press release.

The one-year Afterschool Ambassador term includes working with policymakers and community leaders to organize events and in other ways grow support for the afterschool and summer learning programs that students and families rely on, the release said.

“The country urgently needs strong afterschool advocates, so we are thrilled that Travis Stevens will serve as an Afterschool Ambassador for the Afterschool Alliance this year,” Jodi Grant, executive director of the Afterschool Alliance, said in the release. “He will help spread the word that too many children and youth are without the afterschool programs that help them succeed in school and in life.”

Stevens said he was honored to be chosen.

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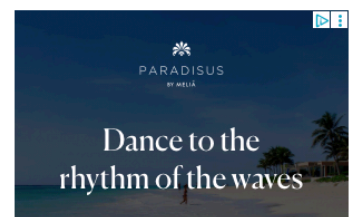
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Throughout the school year and summer months, STEAMS Afterschool and Summer Programs serve more than 200 students across five program sites in the Milton, Shamokin, and Mount Carmel Area School Districts. Students participate in daily homework help and academic enrichment, hands-on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) and robotics activities, college and career readiness exploration, physical fitness and recreation, social growth opportunities, and access to healthy meals and snacks in a safe, structured environment, according to officials.



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