

Hi, I am 21 years old and I graduated from Polytech High School, Class of 2020. I was diagnosed with epilepsy after I had a seizure in my 7th grade English class. I took medication that did not work as I would still have them after about a month on each new medication.

June 19, 2017 I had brain surgery to remove three inches of my temporal lobe and one hippocampus as this was the area affected by the seizures and where they came from in my brain.

When I was undergoing surgery they found a middle Foca Incelphelacele. This was a hairline crack in the base of my skull. This is where the seizure came from as the brain had seeped down into that hole and caused the seizure when I was 12. As of today, writing this on November 9, 2023, I am 2,334 days seizures free.

I have gone to congress three times as an advocate for Delaware's "Epilepsy Advocate For Teen Speak Up" program and I lobbied for \$30 million in total grant money.