Jack Tang graduated from NYU with honors in May 2021 and is now working at Zurich North America as an Underwriting Account Service Associate.

Jack’s journey of academic and career success began with the Out-Of-School Youth (OSY) program at CMP. Back in July, 2015, Jack barely spoke any English and was not considering college as an option at all. With the encouragement and assistance from CMP OSY, he set his long-term goal and began pursuing a college education. He spent almost 2 years in CLIP (CUNY Language Immersion Program) at LaGuardia Community College to improve his English before formally enrolling as a college student. During the 3 semesters at the college, Jack earned straight As for all the courses he took while continuing his full-time job at a hotel. After transferring to NYU in spring 2019, Jack managed to earn all As again during his 4 semesters there.

Jack took the typical upward career pathway--pursuing a college education, like many of our OSY program participants do. However, Jack, in many ways, is atypical at the same time. His academic and career success contrasted sharply with his very limited English at the beginning of the journey. With his extraordinary determination, persistence, and hard work, Jack is CMP’s ultimate story of success and an inspiring example for the youth CMP serves.