

Gage Pinders Rewrites His Story: How One Vermont Teen Found Purpose Through Family, Struggle, and Self-Belief

From being sent away at 14 to launching a business and earning \$90K in trading profits, this 18-year-old from Essex Junction shares his journey of discipline, redemption, and quiet determination.

Essex Junction, Vermont Jul 17, 2025 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Gage Pinders, 18, is not your average teenager. He's the founder of [BayBreeze Mobile Detailing](#), a self-taught investor with over \$90,000 in trading profits, and a young man whose journey from struggle to stability serves as a quiet inspiration—not because of fame or followers, but because of resilience.

At just 14, Gage was sent from Vermont to California after falling into the wrong crowd and making poor choices that threatened to derail his future. That cross-country shift became a wake-up call. "I realized I had to change, or I was going to end up in a place I didn't want to be," he says.

Returning home to Essex Junction, Gage also faced hardships within his family. His younger brother, born with Angelman syndrome, nearly lost his life as a baby and didn't learn to walk until the age of seven. Watching his brother's determination deeply impacted Gage.

"Seeing him go through everything he did and still fight every day taught me what real strength looks like," he shares. "It changed how I see effort and excuses."

Academically, Gage didn't thrive in traditional settings. He was transferred between schools before eventually finishing through homeschooling. But outside the classroom, he never stopped learning. From lemonade stands to selling candy, dropshipping, and flipping gear, he always had a side hustle going—even if most of them failed.

By 15, Gage discovered day trading and investing. What started as curiosity turned into a disciplined routine of market study, strategy, and persistence. Three years later, he's generated over \$90,000 in trading profits—all self-taught.

Today, he runs BayBreeze Mobile Detailing, a mobile auto and boat detailing business focused on premium service and customer convenience. What started as a way to make money the honest way is now a growing business in his home state of Vermont.

"I'm not a public speaker, and I'm not trying to go viral," says Gage. "I just want to keep working, keep growing, and maybe show someone else that no matter how far off track you are, it's not too late to turn things around."

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