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CONGRATULATIONS 2024 CELA GRADUATES!



A note to our 8th grade graduates:

We want to congratulate each and every one of you for reaching this important milestone! The academic excellence you have achieved has you well-prepared for high school and beyond. The leadership skills you have developed will help you stand out amongst your peers and go far in life and the Christian values you have been practicing will continue to shape and build your character. We wish you all the best as you head off to high school and pray you will remember the lessons you learned while at CELA.

-- from the Founders of CELA



3K-8th Grade Private Christian Academy / Pewaukee / CELAedu.org / 262-691-4321 Presented here are excerpts from the graduation speeches that were presented on Thursday, June 6th. You can read their full speeches at CELAedu.org!

What CELA Means to Me

by Kaitlyn Crozier

In August of 2015 the Christian Education Leadership Academy opened its doors for the first time. ... Little did I know that the next 9 years would create a strong foundation for high school and the rest of my life. CELA has prepared me in so many different, but unique ways.

Academically, I have excelled. ... I have also become a very strong leader. I am so enthusiastic with all the opportunities I have had, to not just become a leader but then show that leadership to others. And finally, and most importantly, I have grown in my faith in God. CELA has provided me a basis to become a stronger Christian and to learn more about my faith. These pillars are what CELA is founded on and these things are what CELA means to me - a place of accelerated learning, a chance to become a leader and a way to better know God and his love for me.

At CELA, I have always been pushed to do my best. Because of this, I feel so prepared for all of my classes next year in high school. As an 8th grader, I have already been fortunate to take ACT Prep 1 and 2, Civics, Spanish 1 and Algebra 1. Most of these classes are all courses taken by kids a year or two older than me. Now, I already have a head start on my soon-to-be classmates and I am ready for any challenge thrown at me. ... While class sizes are smaller than most other schools, I have found it to be a huge benefit because of the 1 on 1 time I get. I am able to ask any questions when I don't understand something, that I might not have been able to get in otherwise. Academics at CELA have meant so much to me because I have been able to meet my goals of learning and have been able to excel at a high level.

Academics isn't the only area I have been able to grow, I have grown in my faith. Every morning during CVLD time, or Christian Values and Leadership Development, I have learned more and more about God and the love he has for me. ...

The last of the three pillars is leadership. My leadership skills have grown substantially, especially through my time in middle school. I have learned so many things about not just acting like a leader, but showing others what they need to do to become a leader too. At CELA, I have found many opportunities to first become a leader, and then show that leadership. ... The most important leadership role that I was expected to take was with my chapel buddles and the other younger students. They would look up to me and follow what I did. ...

Throughout my time at CELA, I have become a strong leader, learned so many new things and have grown in my faith. This school means so much to me because I know how much everyone here cares and really wants me to succeed. What I have done here, I will take with me throughout high school and the rest of my life. I am so excited with all of the new opportunities that I have after coming to CELA and I will never forget all of the memories I have made, things I have learned, or people I have met.

What CELA Means to Me

by Jonah Hannon

I have been at CELA for about three and a half years. I have learned and grown in many areas such as my academics, faith, leadership, and character. I have also had many great memories. CELA means a lot to me because all the teachers are helpful, classes are challenging, and my faith in God has grown.

I have learned many things at CELA and that will help me be ahead and thrive in high school. The teachers have had a lot to do with that. I am confident because my teachers take time to teach me valuable lessons. ... My favorite class, where I learned and is meaningful to me is ACT Prep. This class was taught by Mr. Hays and it helped me feel ready for when I take the ACT. This class also expanded my knowledge in every subject too. CELA means a lot to me because I have been challenged to grow and expand into areas I did not know that I could.

CELA has taught me how to be a leader and helped shape me into a nice and loving person. This makes CELA mean so much more because of what I learned about leaders and what is needed to be a leader. ... Another thing CELA does is Chapel Buddies. This has helped my leadership and character because being an older buddy has given me responsibility and has pushed me to lead a younger student. Chapel Buddies makes me appreciate CELA because it makes me do something different. In conclusion, CELA means a lot to me because it has taught me to be a leader.

One thing I really enjoy about CELA is the way we can pray and grow our faith ... and become a better Christian and know God more. This means a lot to me because this did not happen at my old school.

CELA has been a great experience for me and it has helped me grow in countless areas. I am glad they prepared me for high school. ... I really have enjoyed CELA so much and I hope every other kid can get the same experience as me.

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