

I came to Chautauqua right after Middle School, so I have been here almost four years. In that time I have had my ups and downs, but I am really proud of the fact that I've done what is needed to graduate. I think I have learned a lot, and not just school skills, but things in life that you could only learn at a place like C.T. .

Chautauqua has shown me that to be a great person you don't have to be the smartest, strongest or anything like that. There is much more to life like imagination, creativity, and especially your own personality can make a difference.

So far I've had just about every teacher but there has been one who stood out more than any other. Mike Kompaniez has been there for anything that I have needed. He would talk to me to help me understand things in life that I did not understand and has given me direction in life that I could not get from anyone else. If you ask me, he has treated me as a father would treat a son and is the greatest person I have ever met in life . I hope we will be friends for years to come.

Well I guess that just about explains how privileged I feel to end up at Chautauqua. My experiences here have been great and if I ever had to come back it would be here- some class, some teacher.

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