

Chautauqua was like a second home for me while I attended there for two years. The students and staff were more of a family to me than my own parents were. I could confide, and keep a close relationship with my teacher, Sabra Mark and my principal, Steve Showers. The school gave me both of what I was looking for, a great school environment and an outstanding staff. The teachers wanted to make the students feel as though they were learning in a homely environment, and that's exactly what it was like for me.

I came over from Big Bear High School to Chautauqua High in 1998. There was a waiting period to get into the school, but I was soon after enrolled there. The first day I was there it felt like I was at "home". The teachers were very nice and polite, and the secretaries and principal, were very considerate, helping me with what I needed and answering questions I wanted to know. We would take trips to the local hospital and sing to the patients as a community service option. There were no bullies, fighting was shined on by the students and I had no problems what so ever in the whole time while I attended there, it was the "perfect" learning experience.

In my opinion, this is what school is all about, true higher learning for students. I always was happy to go to school, always looked forward to going and missed it whenever I was not there at my desk and along side my classmates, due to illness or emergency of course. Though people are different, and certain experiences effect us differently, this was for me. For the first time in my whole life, I finally knew what people actually meant when they said, "School is fun!"

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul Feltner". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.