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When I went to Big Bear High School I felt like an outcast. I didn't get along with anybody and the kids are stuck on themselves so much they can't tell where someone else ends and they begin. I was ready to drop out.

My parents finally convinced me to go to Chautauqua High School. To tell you the truth, it was the best decision I ever made. Chautauqua has helped me be a better person. All the students in my class have taught me that I shouldn't care what other people think. I can be myself and not have to worry about someone not liking me because of the way I dress or how I put on my make-up.

Sabra Mark is the best teacher I could ever possibly have. She helps me with all my problems whether they are personal or school involved, she's never too busy. Sabra is smart, funny, and not too demanding, like the Big Bear High School teachers. Sabra is the main person in my life that has helped me get to where I am now, and she has encouraged me to further my education and to go to college. Thank-you Sabra for helping me along the way and being there for me.

As for the rest of Chautauqua's students and staff, no one can ask for more courteous, kindhearted, loving friends. The school's secretaries, Cass and Michelle are two of the best women I could ever have met. They are trusting as well as trustworthy and they were always there when I needed something. Thank-you Chautauqua for helping me figure out who I really am and who I want to become.

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