

When I came to Chautauqua High School in 1999, I thought I wasn't going to fit in since I came from home school. Soon after that I found out that Chautauqua is like a big family. My teacher Julie has been there to help me whenever I needed help. Julie has been a great teacher to have over the past year and a half. She's not only a teacher she's a friend, a mother, and a damn hard worker. If I didn't feel well she could tell by the way I looked and she would call my mom to tell her how I felt. Julie was always concerned about how I felt.

Chautauqua is the kind of place where everybody knows your name. You can go talk to Mike and have a full-on talk with him about sports. Steve Schour is a great guy to go to for math problems or a problem with another student. Over the last year I've gone to Steve's office a lot for help with schooling and my health. Since I started going to Chautauqua, I have made lots of new friends. Some I might know for the rest of my life.

When I came to Chautauqua I wasn't the best speller, but I got in with Barry's group. Since I started his group, I've become a better reader and speller. My reading grade-point-level has jumped five levels since I started the group. I've enjoy going to school at Chautauqua and I feel I have become a better student because of it.

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