Speech Meet

Altadena, CA May 2014 -
Sahag-Mesrob Armenian Christian School took part in the annual ACSI Elementary Speech Meet at Pasadena Christian School on Friday, May 16, 2014. Thirty students ranging from first to sixth grades participated in the areas of Poetry, Fable and Folklore, Bible Memorization, Dramatic Bible Prose, Patriotic Oration, and Original Speech. The talented group of students spent two months preparing for the event. Competitors from eleven Southern California Christian schools, including Sahag-Mesrob were in attendance.

Sahag-Mesrob students successfully presented their speeches in front of an audience of judges, parents, and guests. Overall, Sahag-Mesrob students stood out at the Speech Meet as they have in the past, receiving recognition from the judges for their excellent presentations. Twenty eight students received “Superior”, the highest achievement, and two students received “Excellent”, the second highest achievement. Each student proudly accepted a ribbon and a certificate from the judges. Later, the school’s principal, Mr. Hovsep Injejikian, recognized the students for their efforts during the school's weekly assembly. He also acknowledged the tireless efforts of the English teachers in preparing the students for this competition and Mrs. Baharian for coordinating the event.

Sahag-Mesrob Armenian Christian School in Altadena, California, is a member of Association of Christian Schools International, or ACSI. Sahag-Mesrob students participate in ACSI sponsored competitions such as the Elementary Speech Meet, Junior High Speech Meet, Spelling Bee, and the Piano Festival every year.
Have you noticed that lately, everywhere you go, almost everyone you see, is busy doing the same thing? I am talking about people being on their phones. I, for one, have noticed it getting worse and worse. Everywhere you go, there is someone on their phone. You can be with a lot of people, but if they are all playing on their phone or staring at their screen, you still feel like you are alone.

Isaiah 40:21 says: Have you not been paying attention? Have you not been listening? Haven't you heard these stories all your life? Don't you understand the foundation of all things?

I understand that people need to work and have to get things done on their smart phones; however, there comes a time that you must put it down, look up, and communicate with the people around you. Some people have actually developed permanent neck damage from looking down at their phones. This is called look down syndrome or L.D.S., and many people have developed this condition from their dreadful habit. Other than developing L.D.S, the bigger issue is the social aspect of it. For example; during Christmas, my cousins were on their phones looking at Facebook, seeing what their friends were doing, instead of enjoying their time with their family in front of them. I have noticed that even in church, people are still on their phones instead of focusing on prayer. Proverbs 4:20-21 says: My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words. Do not let them out of your sight. Keep them within your heart.

Next time you are on your phone, ask yourself, is this thing really worth not looking up and enjoying the people in front of you and the world? It is perfectly fine if you just want to play a game on your phone in moderation, but of course in your spare time. The world is not going to end! But, if that few minutes turn into an hour, then 2 hours and so forth, it is not ok. Don't get me wrong I am not perfect either. I still play on my phone too.

We all know phones are here to stay and they do make our life easier, but if people can become a little more aware of their surroundings and the people they are with, the world will be a better place.
When I grow up I want to be a nurse. – Tina Garabedian
When I grow up I want to be a football player. – Harut Tatlyan
When I grow up I want to be a teacher. – Christy Basmadjian
When I grow up I want to be a doctor. – Dolliah Bedjakian
When I grow up I want to be a policeman. – Ara Rastgulelenian
When I grow up I want to be a ninja. – Sebastian Pepo
When I grow up I want to be a police officer. – Nicole Titizian
When I grow up I want to be the president of the United States of America. – Luca Youssefian
When I grow up I want to be a firefighter. – Darron Sarkissian
When I grow up I want to be a veterinarian. – Milya Minassian
HEROS IN HISTORY!

Written By 1st Graders
(Facts taken from Scholastic's Easy Reader Biographies)

Martin Luther King Jr. - Alex M. & David
Martin Luther's family called him M.L. Martin Luther King lived in Georgia. King's older sister is Christine. Martin Luther King Jr. worked hard at school. Martin liked to sing and dance. Martin Luther King Jr. changed the laws. Martin Luther King went to Alabama to help stop slavery. Martin Luther King died on April 4.

Abraham Lincoln - Isabelle & Johnny
Abraham Lincoln was our 16th president. Abe liked to read. Abe was a lawyer. He told funny stories to his customers. Abe made speeches. Abe cut a lot of logs. Abe was born in Kentucky. Abe loved to play with his sons.

Harriet Tubman - Victoria & Narod
Harriet Tubman lived from 1820-1913. Harriet Tubman freed slaves. Harriet Tubman got very sick. Harriet Tubman was a nurse. Harriet Tubman was 5 feet tall. A white man threw an object at her. The item that was thrown bruised Harriet's forehead. Harriet Tubman was a slave herself.

Susan B. Anthony - Brianna & Emma
Susan B. Anthony started reading when she was three. When she grew up she went to school. She became a teacher when she was 15. She did not get paid as much as male teachers. She traveled to places telling people to be equal. She got arrested one day for voting. She started selling newspapers about women's rights. In one of her speeches, she said that failure is impossible.

Johnny Appleseed - Lily & Sako
Johnny Appleseed never hunted animals. Apples were a very important fruit for the early settlers. Johnny Appleseed planted apples. Some people say that Johnny Appleseed wore a cooking pot when he traveled west. Johnny planted his way to India. Johnny loved telling stories to children. Johnny slept under the stars. Johnny ate berries.

Rosa Parks - Patil & Silva
Rosa Parks was born in Alabama. White and black people could not go to the same places. Rosa went to school only for African Americans. There were more than 50 kids in Rosa's classroom. Rosa Parks could not sit in the front part of the bus. When she did, she got arrested. She is known as the "mother of our country."
George Washington - Andre & Garo

Young George liked to ride horses. George was good at math but not at spelling. At 16, people thought George was a grown up. When George was 20 years old, he joined the army. He married a woman named Martha. George Washington became the first president of the United States of America.

Helen Keller - Karina & Alex B.

Helen Keller was blind and deaf. Helen Keller learned how to read. Helen Keller had a very high fever when she was almost two. She used movements to show what she wanted. Helen wrote a book called "The Story of My Life." Helen Keller could not see or hear, but that did not stop her. She continued reading stories, on and on.

Betsy Ross - Alex K. & Emily A.

Betsy Ross lived from 1752-1836. Betsy's husband joined the army. George Washington wanted a flag for America. The group of men liked Betsy Ross' idea of the flag. The flag had 13 stars and 13 stripes. 13 stood for the colonies. The first flag was made on June 14, 1777.

Squanto - Michael & Marcus

Squanto taught the Pilgrims how to fish. Squanto helped the Pilgrims grow food. He taught them how to play games. Squanto lived with the Pilgrims. Squanto ate food with the Pilgrims. Squanto learned how to speak English.

Alexander Graham Bell - Anush & Tiana

Alexander Graham Bell was born in Scotland. He lived from 1847-1922. Alexander Graham Bell invented the first telephone. This telephone was used only to call people who were living in near places. Alexander Graham Bell joined an invention contest for his telephone and won. Alexander's father wanted him to study science. Alexander's mom liked to listen to Alex play piano. Alexander Graham Bell taught deaf people how to talk.

Cesar Chavez - Sophia, Emily P., & Nicolas

Cesar Chavez was born in Arizona in 1927. Cesar's family was sad to move from their home. Cesar didn't want to go to school because the students would make fun of his English. Cesar had 8 children. Cesar helped farm workers. He joined the navy. Cesar died in 1993.

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Natalia: I'm glad I got to learn everything I could in second grade. I loved learning and I enjoyed everything I did. I can't wait for third grade because I want to keep learning everything!

Mahrie: I think learning about multiplication and science was a blast. Fossils are so cool. I can't wait for third grade because I want to learn more things!

Njteh: Second grade was a blast because I got to be the star student because I worked hard. In third grade I look forward to learning division.

Brandon: Second grade was a blast because I got to learn Bible stories, make a fossil, and play soccer in PE. I can't wait for third grade because I want to have Science every day!

Nareh: I'm so glad I got to learn cursive and have Sports Day. I couldn't wait until we started cursive and got to do fun things on Sports Day. Third grade will be a blast because I will do division, do more cursive, more Science, and read more books!

Vicken: Second grade was a blast because of Sports Day and many more things. I think third grade will be a blast because I like to learn.

Roubeena: Second grade was so much fun and learning cursive was my favorite part of second grade. In third grade I want to learn more and more about everything!

Claudine: I'm so glad I got to learn everything in second grade. I love learning all the awesome things in Art, Math, Science, and all the other subjects. I'm sad to leave second grade because I had so much fun.
In third grade I look forward to reading and doing math.

**Aram:** Second grade was awesome because we learned about Jesus in Bible and about clip art in Computers!
In third grade I can't wait to do division!

**Bella:** I'm so glad I got to draw and make a self portrait with pastels. I love to use pastels, markers, and paint.
Third grade will be great because there will be fun PE sports. I will have a great and exciting school year.

**Arsen:** Second grade was awesome because I got to go to the new Computer lab and learn clip art.
Third grade will be awesome because I'll get to learn more about computers when we go to the lab.

**Alique:** Second grade was a blast because I got to learn how to play kickball in PE.
I look forward to third grade because I really want to learn division.

**Aren:** Second grade was awesome because we got to learn about multiplication. It's easy because it's all about skip counting.
Third grade will be awesome because I'll learn many new things and one day it will help me to go to college.

**Alexis:** Second grade was awesome because I did things I really liked and learned a lot. I loved art and one day I'm going to be a great artist!
Third grade will be fun because I get to learn more things. I hope to learn more about the oceans in Science.

**Andreas:** I'm proud that I got to learn English because this was my first year in America. If I don't learn English then I can't talk to others. So I'm glad I'm learning.
In third grade I look forward to division.

**Rocco:** Second grade was awesome because I got to learn how go multiply and write in cursive. It was easy to multiply but a little hard to learn cursive. But I think I got the hang of it.
Third grade will be awesome because I will do lots of division in Math.

**Daniella:** Second grade was a blast because I got to learn cursive. I've wanted to learn cursive ever since I was four years old!
I can't wait for third grade so I can keep learning new things.

Goodbye to the outstanding second graders from the teacher that got to teach you every day. I'll miss you greatly! Have a wonderful summer vacation and good luck in third grade! I know you are ready. Whether you're tackling division, writing a report, or learning a poem or two, I'm sure you'll do a fine job because I believe in you!

Love,
Mrs. Aylin Baharian, 2nd Grade Teacher

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**SPECIAL THANKS**

Mrs. Aylin Baharian with Gasia Bedrosian

“I would like to thank SMACS alumni for volunteering as judges: Deeown Shaverdian, Nareg Kourouyan, Tina Hagopian, Gasia Bedrosian.”

- Mrs. Aylin Baharian
MY FATHER, MY HERO!

WRITTEN BY 3RD GRADE

My father is my hero because every time I am sick, he takes good care of me. He is also my hero because he takes my family and me places, buys food for us, and loves us. I love my dad! By Andrew Mazmanian

My father is my hero because he loves me and cares for me. He is the best dad ever. He always helps me when I'm sad and cheers me up. Thank you dad for everything! I love you so much! By Angela Babayan

My father is my hero because he always tries to make enough money to put food on the table. He is my hero because whenever I'm having a hard time on something, he tells me that I can do it. By Angelina Khatchikian

My father is my hero because he loves me so much and does everything for me. He buys me hot-fudge ice cream, takes me on bike rides, and teaches me cool tricks. By Alik Mardiros

My father is my hero because he helps me, loves me, and takes care of me. By Armen Darakchyan

My father is my hero because he loves me and cares for me. He buys me things, and helps me in every situation. My dad and I have a lot in common, especially chocolate! One day I hope I can be just like him. I love my dad, he is my hero! By Christina Sahagian

My father is my hero because when I fall he helps me get up. By Christine Avakian

My father is my hero because he taught me how to play soccer, he makes dinner for us, and protects me. He makes me so happy because he's my dad. By Christopher Atme

My father is my hero because he loves me, cares for me, and he's the best dad ever! By Hrag Vartabedian

My father is my hero because whenever I feel sad he tells me to be strong like him. He also gives me good advice on what to do to solve my problem. I love him and he loves me! By Maria Miwalian

My father is my hero because he has always helped me and saved me. He always buys me whatever I want and he's always there for me. When I am sad, he makes me happy. He is the best dad you can ever have in the whole wide world and I love him so much! By Natel Titizian

My father is my hero because he works hard to get money for us and helps me do math. By Shant Bashian

My father is my hero because he knows how to solve problems, he's a great chef, and takes good care of me. But most of all, he knows how to be the best dad! By Talar Sarkissian

My father is my hero because he is always there for me. I love my dad so much! On weekends, I always go to his house and play basketball with him. By Tro Bekmezian

My farther is my hero because he buys me everything I want and helps me. By Vahram Vartabedian
LAUGHING WITH 4A

How did the cell phone propose to his girlfriend?
Answer: He gave her a ring!
-Astghik Gasparyan

What did the baby corn ask the Mah-corn?
Answer: Where is Pop-corn?
-Sevana Baghdoyan

What has a head, a tail and is silver?
Answer: A quarter!
-Sevag Sakayan

When I was 3 years old, I literally called 911, and the ambulance came and yelled at me!
-Kristina Agojian

A lizard wants to go to a party with wild animals. But they don’t let him in. So his cousin comes in and tells them to let him go in. His cousin was a T-Rex.
-Angie Mitilian

What did the cow say to the man?
“Mooooooooo”.
-Sarine Vartabedian

Knock, Knock. Whose there? I!
I who?
I drank.
I drank who?
I drank orange juice!
-Shantel Indjian

What eats, but if it drinks, it dies?
Answer: FIRE!
-Sophia Azar

What does the fox say?
Answer: Many Things!
-Aren Aroyan

What goes up and never comes down?
Answer: Your AGE!
-Mrs. Ivette

What do you call an elephant and a rhino put together?
Answer: Elephino!
-Emma Haroutonian

I have dog that says “Meow” and a fish that says “Mooooo”!
-Alex Vartanian

When I was a kid, I used to call “Sleeping Beauty”, “Slapping Beauty”.
-Sarine Nazarian

Knock, Knock. Whose there? Postal Service.
Postal Service who?
-No Answer…
-Sarine Yeghiayan

I have 4A.
Our Favorite Moments in 4B Grade

Fourth grade is lots of fun but lots of hard work as well. We have done many interesting and wonderful things throughout the year; but our group has chosen to write about “The Biomes”. We had been studying about different biomes and habitats for science class. Each student was asked to choose a biome and bring it alive. We had to build our biomes in ordinary shoe box. Then, we had to transform this plain and dull box into a world filled with animals, plants, lakes, or oceans. We also had to create an imaginary animal which can live and survive in our biomes.

Because of this project, our class was filled up of grasslands, swamps, rainforests, deserts, and oceans. This project was the most memorable project we did in 4th grade.

By: Liana Chiranian, Tatyana Sevajian, Athena Baghdassarian, and Emily Isakulyan

A lot of people might not think Math would be the most memorable moment in 4th grade; but for our group Math always “Rocked”. Beginning of every single Math class, our class would take “Math Fact Test”. The teacher would give us 50 Math Facts and we needed to solve them in 60 seconds. In the beginning, almost all of the class would solve 20-30 problems in 60 seconds. We would tell the teacher that this is impossible and that we can not do this. In return, she would always say “practice is all you need”. “You will be able to do it, trust me.” We had no choice but to trust our teacher.

Two months later, the majority of the class now was solving 50 Math problems in one minute. Just by being challenged everyday, we realized that we can master just about anything.

By: Hagop Kiledjian, Christopher Hamparsomian, and Alec Abdollahian

Our favorite 4th grade memory was when our class had to transform pumpkins into our favorite book character. We had to use yarn, paint, glue gun, pushpins, pumpkins, and buttons.

We had to bring our pumpkins to school and do an oral presentation on why our chosen book character was our favorite. This was such a fun project. The best part was when our pumpkins were put all around the school on Harvest Day for show.

By: Vicky Sahagian, Silva Avakian, Sonia Darakjian, and Melana Gendal

In fourth grade our most memorable activity was reading the book Narnia during book club. When we read Narnia, we always entered in a world of imagination and beauty. We used to close our eyes and feel the cold air of Narnia. We discussed about every single character, and how the author brought them to life. There were class secessions when we bagged the teacher to continue reading. For our group this was an amazing experience.

For us 4th grade was awesome and we will take with us many fun and memorable memories.

By: Jeffrey Balian, Shant Yepremian, and Jonathan Postajian


5th Grade Memories...

**Names:** Christian Lambajian, David Chepeian, Alex Azilazian, Sosse Minassian, Sevan Krikorian, Heiko Abadjian, Avo Akhian, Hrag Ekmekjian, Tigran Arbyan

**Teachers:** Mrs. Holly, Baron Raffi, Mrs. Nicole, Mrs. Ivette, Coach Jack, Digin Mayda, Baron Sinanyan

**My Favorite Thing About...**

**Math:**
We like math because we learn and joke around at the same time.

**Art:**
We learn about different artists and draw.

**English:**
We learn grammar, read books, and learn to write properly.

**Social Studies:**
States and capitals bingo! We love learning about the Declaration of Independence and doing our state reports.

**Science:**
Doing experiments is our favorite.

**P.E.**
We play many different sports and have an awesome coach.

**Music:**
Playing different instruments together is fun.

**Computers:**
Funbrain is our favorite!

**Armenian/Armenian History:**
The Armenian poems are interesting.

**Bible:**
We like to praise God.
Մեր երեք հանգստավանք ստեղծելու համար կտեսնում են: Հեթացված տարածաշրջան ստեղծվում է գրանցման և մասնագիտության միջոցով, որոնք նախաձեռնելու գործընթացն էին:

Առաջին՝ տոնի ուր գրանցել «Սուրբ Շնչեղ»-ը է՝ Սուրբ Ստեփան Հակոբյանը ու այլ անձանց այս գրակնարկը: Սուրբ Ստեփանը այս համարումը նախագծելու համար նպատակերել է ստեղծել տեղական հասարակության համար տեղեկատվություն, որը առաջադիմում է տարածաշրջանի համայնագիտական կազմակերպություններ։

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Նույնպես, ինչպես նաև մեկ ձևաչափ գրանցել «Սիրե Շիրազ» կայքը, որը առաջադիմում է տարածաշրջանի համայնագիտական կազմակերպություններ։

Սուրբ Ստեփան Հակոբյան
2014 marks the anniversary of the Sahag-Mesrob Armenian Christian School’s Komitas Music School. Directed by Artashes and Zhanna Sinanyan, Komitas Music School is held every Saturday, offering lessons in Piano, Voice, Violin, Drums, Guitar, and more. Congratulations on reaching such a great milestone!

- Ani Kenderian
SMACS Art Gallery
Beautiful and creative artwork, created by our amazing artists.

Stephanie Khatchikian
Cat Sketching, 7th Grade

David Chepeian
Pastel Owl, 5th Grade

Savannah Minassian
Dog Sketching, 7th Grade

Sabrina Pelenghian
Pastel, 6th Grade

Isabelle Mazmanian
Fabric Art, 6th Grade

Tania Balian
Face Symmetry, 7th Grade

Michael Raad
Pastel Flower, 6th Grade

Harout Nazarian
Face Symmetry, 7th Grade
8th Grade Canvas Art

Tamar Donoyan
Canvas, 8th Grade

Kareen Bosnoian
Canvas, 8th Grade

Savannah Bedjakian
Canvas, 8th Grade

Talia Kazandjian
Canvas, 8th Grade

Rita Tajerian
Canvas, 8th Grade

Harout Sulahian
Canvas, 8th Grade

Karina Kozakjian
Canvas, 8th Grade
Congratulations to the “Honor Roll” students of 4th Quarter

Kindergarten
Christy Basmadjyan
Tina Garabedian
Ara Rastguelenian
Nicole Titizian
Luca Youssefian

1st Grade
Andre Abdollahian
Emily Arabyan
Alexandra Babayan
Brianna Balian
Lily Balian
Silva Basmadjyan
Narod Ekmekjian
Alexandra Karamanoukian
Sarkis Kiledjian
Isabelle Kizirian
Alex Muradian
Sophia Panossian
Garo Poladian
Victoria Postajian
Michael Sahagian
Nicolas Semerjian
Patil Tajerian
Tiana Tatikian

2nd Grade
Natalia Abadjian
Daniella Agogian
Roubeena Akmakjian
Alexis Avakian
Claudine Azilazian
Njteh Girichian
Nareh Kiledjian
Alique Klahejian
Vicken Kouladjian
Aren Minassian
Bella Youssefian

3rd Grade
Angela Babayan
Andrew Mazmanian
Maria Miwalian
Christina Sahagian
Natel Titizian

4(a) Grade
Sophia Azar
Kristina Agojian
Astghik Gasparyan
Emma Haroutonian
Shantel Indjian
Angie Mitilian
Sarine Nazarian
Sevag Sakayan
Sarine Vartabedian

4(b) Grade
Alec Abdollahian
Athena Baghdassarian
Jeffrey Balian
Liana Chiranian
Sonia Darakjian
Melana Gendal
Christopher Hamparsomian
Emily Isakulyan
Hagop Kiledjian
Jonathan Postajian
Vicky Sahagian
Tatyana Sevajan
Shant Yepremian

5th Grade
Heiko Abadjian
Avedis Akhian
Tigran Arabyan
Alexander Azilazian
David Chepeian
Hrag Ekmekjian
Sevan Krikorian
Christian Lambajian
Sosse Minassian

6th Grade
Joseph Atme
Andrew Dabbaghian
Shoghik Gasparyan
Lara Gendal
Susan Kazarian
Isabelle Mazmanian
Mireille Minassian
Sabrina Pelenghian
Marianne Sahagian

7th Grade
Alex Avanesyan
Tania Balian
Christina Chiranian
Alex Deravdessian
Stephanie K Hatchikian
Savannah Minassian
Harout Nazarian
Andrew Tatevosian
Liana Tatevosian
Tamar Yepremian

8th Grade
Karen Bosnoian
Tamar Donoyan
Talia Kazandjian
Rita Tajerian
**Star Students**

**4th Quarter**

**Kindergarten**
Christy Basmadjyan
Dolliah Bedjakian
Tina Garabedian
Milya Minassian
Ara Rastguelenian
Nicole Titizian

**3rd Grade**
Shant Bashian
Tro Bekmezian
Armen Darakchyan
Angelina Khatchikian
Alik Mardiros
Maria Miwalian
Christina Sahagian
Natel Titizian

**5th Grade**
Heiko Abadjian
Avo Akhian
Tigran Arabyan
Alex Azilazian
David Chepeian (2)
Sevan Krikorian
Sosse Minassian

**1st Grade**
Emma Deravedissian
Alexandra Karamanoukian
Isabelle Kizirian
Emily Pogosyan
Garo Poladian
Michael Sahagian
Patil Tajerian

**4 (a)**
Sophia Azar
Astghik Gasparyan
Shantel Indjian
Angie Mitilian
Sarine Nazarian
Sevag Sakayan
Sarine Vartabedian

**6th Grade**
Lara Gendal
Vicken Jemelian
Michael Raad

**2nd Grade**
Mahrie Bedjakian
Njteh Girichian
Aram Kenderian
Nareh Kiledjian
Alique Klahejian
Andreas Minassian
Aren Minassian
Bella Youssefian

**4 (b)**
Alec Abdollahian
Silva Avakian (2)
Sonia Darakjian
Emily Isakulyan
Hagop Kiledjian
Tatyana Sevajan (2)

**7th Grade**
Nicole Garabedian
Raquel Indjian
Stephanie Khatchikian
Dalida Mosesi
Sebastien Postajian
Liana Tatevosian

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**Teacher’s Corner**

**Name:** Aylin Baharian

**Title:** 2nd Grade Homeroom

**Birthplace:** Istanbul, Turkey

**Hobbies:** Gardening, reading, photography, all things 2nd grade

**Dislikes:** Rainy days, deadlines, prejudice, cruelty of any kind

**3 items I can’t live without:** Books, sunglasses, flip flops, the sun

**Favorite Color:** Turquoise

**Favorite Movies:** Breakfast at Tiffany’s, The Sound of Music, Harold and Maude, Shirley Valentine

**Favorite Animal:** I love cats! The more the merrier!

**Favorite Books:** The Little Prince, The Golden Notebook, The Brothers Karamazov, Anna Karenina, Long Walk to Freedom, Istanbul: Memories and the city

**What have your students taught you?** They’ve taught me so much over the years. Through them I’ve learned to never be in a hurry to judge, don’t rush, reach out, believe that it is possible for good to come out of even the worst situation, and that tomorrow is another day.

**What is your favorite part about teaching?** I love to read and to tell stories all the time.

**Message to Students:** School will one day be only a memory. Make the best of it while you can. Embrace learning, listen to advice, set goals and pursue them with diligence. Most importantly, believe in yourself. You can do great things!