

### CELA Essay

As a student of the Christian Education Leadership Academy, I have been impacted going to this school. You may ask, why did I even come to the school in the first place? First off, the Christian aspect really grabbed my attention and my family's. For my whole life, I had always gone to public schools. Personally, I really did have a good experience going to a public school, but once we heard of a brand new school just ten minutes away from our house that was Christian based, that changed. Also, my family admired the three pillars of CELA: Academic Excellence, Leadership, and Christian Values.

CELA has impacted me in many different ways. Out of all three of the pillars, the Christian Values pillar has affected me the most. From CVLD classes, Chapel, and Chapel Families I have learned more about what it really means to be a Christian. From all the values that we discuss and characteristics of a Christian, it really does teach all students about who Christian leaders are and what their beliefs and ways are. At a public school, you do not get that Christian aspect. That was one thing about CELA that has influenced me to this day, being a strong faithful leader.

Besides my Christian values being impacted, I feel that I have grown as a confident, young leader. With a smaller class size, students are able to learn and excel at a pace that is good for each student, and that makes you feel bold with your learning abilities. You are in a positive environment with classmates and teachers that are nurturing you to grow as a young leader. At CELA, you have many opportunities to succeed and gain the skills a Christian leader has. Whether it's on the soccer field, singing on stage, or performing a forensics piece, you have many areas where students can fulfill your passions and talents and putting them in a leadership aspect.

The academic excellence is the final pillar. Next year, I am going to a high school that is academically challenging, and I feel that CELA has fully prepared me to take on the challenges in high school that are handed towards me and that I will face. With the smaller class sizes, you can learn and excel and get the help and support that you desire. The teachers have always supported me and have encouraged me to learn.

CELA has really impacted me as a person. As I am graduating, I can take away an excellent education, a strong faith, and the skills of a leader. CELA has provided me with opportunities and experiences that have shaped me into the Christian leader I am to this day, and that I will be throughout my lifetime. I know for a fact that all of us will graduate and become successful leaders in this world, but always keep in mind our Savior who has blessed us with leadership opportunities and the wonderful experience at CELA.