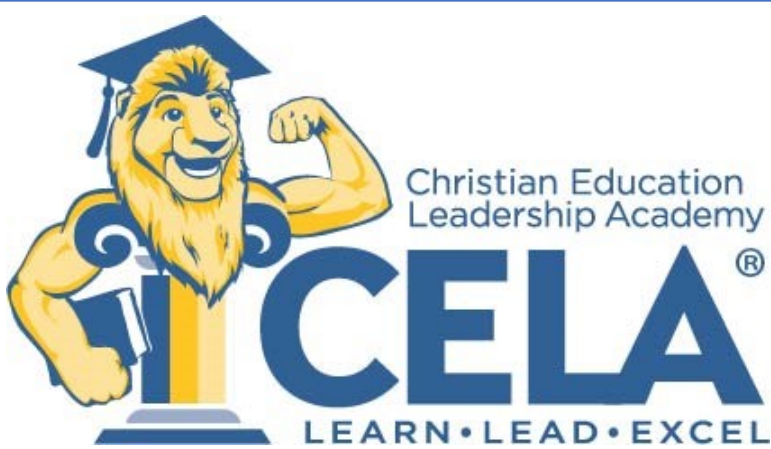


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ANNUAL 8TH GRADE TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C.

What CELA Means to Me

By Madelyn Reichl

CELA

- Christian
- Education
- Leadership
- Academy

Four words with strong meanings individually, but when you put them together in this building they mean something much more powerful. CELA has changed me in powerful ways that have led to tremendous personal growth in my faith, my academics, my leadership skills, and my confidence to follow God's plan for my life. I believe attending CELA for the past four years was part of God's perfect plan for me. CELA is much more than these four words. This building called CELA is a powerful place because it is training the leaders of tomorrow. CELA is developing leaders that have a strong, active faith, solid academic knowledge and strong Christian values so that they can confidently lead others to make our world a better place and can willingly share the news of Jesus' love with others. CELA is a family and I would like to thank each and every member of that family for my amazing time here at CELA. I believe that attending CELA was God's perfect plan for my life and I am so grateful for having this opportunity. I will greatly miss the staff, students, my fellow graduates, and the family feel of this amazing place.



What CELA Means to Me

By Tyler Benz

CELA. When I hear that word, I instantly think of the amazing memories, people, and leadership opportunities that I have firsthand experienced in the past four years. Because of CELA, I have been shaped, formed, and created as a person who walks with God in my daily life, and am a well-rounded student, with so many character traits and Christian values that define me as a person. CELA has made me into the individual that I am today. It's founding pillars, teachers, other students, and the wonderful, smiling staff has left a permanent impact on me, and will be with me for the rest of my life. Ever since the opening day of CELA, I felt a warm, loving environment everywhere I went. Not only have my academic skills grown, but my leadership skills, which I have learned in the one of a kind, Christian Values and Leadership Devolvement class, have grown tremendously since I walked into CELA for the very first time. When I started my first year at CELA, I felt like I was a lump of unused clay, a little bit scared and nervous to start something new. But as the years progressed, I watched as CELA changed me for the better, and the lump of unused clay was molded into something greater, and more meaningful. I have no fear entering high school. I am confident and feel God's love surrounding me. I know I have teachers, staff, and other students supporting me. Through CELA's ACT Prep elective and their Civics course, I have been exposed to material that I will be taught in high school, and am not afraid to move on.



What CELA Means to Me

By Emmerson White

Each and every teacher at CELA has made my journey here feel like home and has ultimately made me feel like I can do anything. Not only does CELA provide us with incredibly kind teachers, but also teachers who are passionate about their jobs and their students. What a difference it makes to have a teacher who is excited and passionate about what they are teaching! It makes learning easy. The excitement in learning new things is something I had never experienced before coming to CELA. The relationships that I have developed with each of my teachers reminds me that I am in an environment where people who I respect and believe in, also respect and believe in me. The teachers have instilled in me a passion and desire to always want to know more. The power and love I receive from the teachers and staff at CELA has made my confidence grow in ways I never thought it could.



What CELA Means to Me

By Brooke Stanley

The moment I stepped into CELA, my view of an academy changed forever and I realized that I needed to be at CELA. I learned an academy like CELA is a place where blessed students are driven to learn, excel, and achieve. At CELA, "Academy" means having high expectations but also teachers who truly care about you. The teachers help you do your best to achieve the goals you set for yourself. With CELA, I see a strong desire to learn because the students and teachers fill the air with an inspiring attitude to value learning. As I started learning at CELA, my view of school and education changed. With CELA, teachers constantly pushed me to challenge myself and not just reach for the A. My experience was completely different from my past school. It was not that my past school did not care that I was not very challenged; it just did not have the ability to challenge me with class sizes of 30. At CELA, with my class size ranging from three to sixteen people, I became more challenged and got to expand my mind to levels of education I thought would have never been possible four years ago. With this newfound education at CELA, I was also able to take harder elective classes such as ACT prep, Spanish 1 Advanced, and Civics. The education at CELA changed me and has challenged me.



The faith environment at CELA is truly remarkable. Being surrounded by people who love and praise Jesus everyday helps bring me down to earth, humble me, and realize just how blessed I am. The chapels every Wednesday are insightful and powerful. Engaging with the chapel buddies adds a level of fun to the experience. Each week a new value is introduced, which we study, and in turn my faith and relationship in God has deepened. Every morning we have CVLD. It is a calming way to begin each day, and has influenced my faith, love, and connection with Jesus. Beyond Chapel and CVLD class, the staff at CELA are people I look up to everyday; their kind, gracious, loving spirits are truly inspiring. It begins with a hug as you enter the building, and a smile from Miss Mogard as you pass through the office. These are small, but incredibly important components of the CELA magic formula. Being surrounded by Christ followers and people who so greatly emulate what being a kind Christian means, helps me feel the power and love of our God, and makes me feel tremendously grateful and unstoppable.