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## What CELA Means to Me

When I joined CELA, almost six years ago, half of me was disappointed to leave the school I had been at for half a decade and the friends I had in it. I didn't want to leave what I had been comfortable with for so many years. I had known the school for a long time and had thought that that school was where I would be until I graduated. So, when my parents mentioned this new school, my young mind had thought that a transition would only weaken my friendships and slow my education. My family, however, thought that this would be a good experience for me and encouraged me to go. And, evidently, I did.

After having been taught at CELA, it came to my realization that this school had done exactly the opposite that I had earlier expected. Looking back at my old school, the friendships I had there were not nearly as strong as the ones I have had here. CELA also gave a much greater education to me than would have been offered otherwise. Honestly, when I chose to go to CELA, it was mainly because of the big building and because my parents liked it. I had nowhere close to an idea of what else CELA would end up offering me that had never before been presented to me in an appealing way. At the time, I hardly knew anything about the school and was, quite frankly, very nervous to go. As it turns out, I needed to step completely outside what I was comfortable with in order to be where I am now. Otherwise, I may have held a much lower value for school and education. In fact, it has recently come to my realization that the experience CELA has offered me here has been so great that I now love school. One of the greatest achievements a school can ever have is being designed in a way that makes education appealing to their students. This, however, is an achievement that is very rare. I believe that it is safe to say that a majority of students at CELA enjoy education. They enjoy being here, whether they know it or not.

This is partially because of the quality of education that CELA offers. This is something that CELA has always done well. They have always had an amazing curriculum through the fields of any subject, whether it be Math, or English, or any other aspect of education that CELA offers. Most everything done by CELA is done well.

When I first came to CELA, I vaguely remember my parents telling me that teachers were somehow specially selected for their grade or subject. The reason that I don't strongly remember it was because, at the time, I didn't think it was that big of a deal. That was before I met the teachers. The teachers here at CELA are truly amazing. That, I feel, is one of the main reasons why CELA is able to academically advance their students farther than many of those at other schools.

One other thing that I admire about CELA is their large focus on Christian ethics and morals. My previous school had also done a good job teaching young kids about Christianity, and it was important that if we were to switch schools, that that school be equally, if not more devoted to Christian values. And CELA did that perfectly.

Now looking back on it, I notice that there is almost nothing that CELA has done poorly. To me, CELA has been an amazing experience for education for me as well as preparing me greatly for high school. It is for these reasons and many more that I am very thankful I attended this school.