

CHS Assets Tour: In Our Student's Words

1. Question: What learning experience/lesson most stands out to you?
 - a. Scott: The learning experience that stands out to me most throughout my academic career is creating my own experiment in AP Chemistry. After we had finished our AP test at the end of the year and had pushed through all the curriculum of the course, my teacher allowed each student in the class to create their own lab from scratch. The teacher would listen to our proposals, and then help us through the process of creating a procedure and getting materials if we requested it. We got to do our experiments in front of the whole class which was a great way to apply the curriculum we learned and have fun at the end of the year. This whole experience really allowed me to grow as a student even though the curriculum was over and apply what I had learned throughout the year.
 - b. Roanne: A learning experience that stands out to me is when teachers let the students do any hands-on projects. For me personally, I'm a kinesthetic and a visual learner so I learn more when I'm going through the motions rather than just sitting there taking notes. Even in an English class typing an essay helps me apply what I have learned.
 - c. Martha: I learned that working with different people on projects changes you. Depending on the group there is always a leader. I like to be the leader in projects so I know what needs to get done; however, sometimes you have to have someone else has to be the leader or else you will burn out. Also, if you have someone who is quieter they might bring some great ideas to the plate. With projects I like fairness, so when teachers allow you to take points away from people who are undeserving, it's nice to see that your hard work paid off.
2. What experience could have been a negative but turned out to be a positive for you?
 - a. Scott: A negative that can be turned into a positive in the classroom space is when teachers adapt their teaching styles to better suit the learning styles of the students. In my experience, I learn best when there's a variety of teaching styles used to help kinesthetic, visual and auditory learners. I have had a few teachers in whose classes they have just given a wall of notes and expected the students to copy them down and learn from them. Besides this giving the impression that the teacher hasn't put effort into the lesson, this teaching technique fails to help me learn. Every successful classroom I have been in has varied the techniques used to teach, helping all students learn more effectively.
 - b. Roanne: A negative experience for me is when I get called on in class out of nowhere because I am more of a listener rather than an outspoken person. I may be quiet but it doesn't have to mean I'm not engaged. But besides the fear of getting called on when I don't know the answer I learn from my mistakes and grow from them. Another negative experience is when teachers don't give the opportunity to improve my grade in class. Being in leadership I

know there are times where I have to miss class for events that are school related so I need that extra help for my grade. Some teachers will not allow students to do anything to get their grade up because once they miss it they miss it. So I suggest that teachers give help to students in a way to not make a student feel hopeless, and show the students knows the concepts even if they did not turn in the work.

- c. Martha: Having to read in front of the class is hard. If I know it's my turn to read next I like to read a head so it gives me chance to read properly. Not knowing who is next makes me stay on my toes. Also, to have reasons to have answers to all answers even the wrong answers make you be confident.
3. Tell us about your middle school experience.
- a. Scott: The high points and the low points for my middle schools years are mainly the same thing. Middle school is a time in a student's life in which they are transitioning from their childhood years into their young adult life. Students are trying to find out who they are and who they want to become. This leaves a lot of kids vulnerable and bullying and harassment may ensue. However, these transition years have also shaped who I have become as a person and have set me on the track I am on now in high school.
 - b. Roanne: A low of my middle school experience is the awkward feeling of not knowing the person I am. These three years are the transition years of a student's life from a childhood into a more mature age. I know personally I went through a phase where I wore all black then the next year wore completely bright colors. It's just a stage where students feel so insecure about the person they are. On the other hand, an up about middle school is I started figuring out what kind of subjects I became more interested in. I learned to love math and science I pursued that into high school.
 - c. Martha: Middle school is a weird experience because people are trying to find themselves. I learned that being smart is super cool. I found great teachers that helped me get through middle school in one piece. Such as Mr. Metcalf with the music program.
4. What person or people have most influenced your life?
- a. Scott: There are quite a few people who have had a great influence on my life. The first is my mother. She went to college and received a degree in business, but when my brother and I were born, she gave up her professional career to start an in-home daycare so my brother and I would never be without a mom and she was always there for us. The second person is my brother. He graduated two years ago and now goes to school at UW. We have always been very competitive and he was a perfect student academically through high school. This pushed me to do the best I could do and in many ways has pushed me to be the person I am today. Lastly, there's a group of people who have had a significant impact on my life and they are my advisors throughout high school. They have taught me not only so much about student government but life in general and they have made me the leader and person I am today.

- b. Roanne: In school: Mr. Marais my 7th and 8th grade science teacher. He always made learning fun and he is such a funny guy that every student liked him. He made me love science and how it's used in our everyday life. And my love of science now will carry on into my future. Apart from school I would say my dad because he is always there for me. He always helps me with homework when I know I can't understand it on my own. And finally he encourages me to always do my best and strive for high goals.
- c. Martha: My sister, Bria, for being an example and raising me. She is a person I look up to because she made hall of fame and is living her dream life. My Previous English teacher for making me be confident even though I was wrong, and band teacher, for letting me know that I don't always have to be serious 24/7 and I will always have music in my life no matter what age and I have great respect for it.

Community Assets:

- The Everett Clinic
 - The Everett Clinic along with providence and UW medicine near silver lake elementary provides affordable health care to families in the community, making it a great asset. It saves families from going to the emergency room for their urgent care and is a great addition to the community.
- Everett Police department
 - They ensure our safety around the community. This is where our school resource officer, Officer Jackson, is from. They are a great asset to our community because they are always there.
- Trailside/Family Center – Reduced-cost housing
 - These apartments are for families who are at a lower income, they provide a shelter. We have students who live here who may not have the most money but they are making an effort for their future, therefore we are blessed to have those apartments to meet a basic need of a student.
 - Everyone is going through something. Just know that. If someone is trying there best and not getting the grade they want make sure you talk to them about it. Its all about knowing you student, if you see them wearing the same thing day by day. Ask about it?? (<- not sure) We do have a clothing and food in the copy room.
- Safeway
 - Food drive is really important both for our Everett community and CHS community. Knowing that they will have food for 2 weeks is a great think about during the holiday season since most of the families do worry about that on a daily basis.
- Alfys Pizza and Skate deck:
 - These businesses have been staples in the community for years. If you ever had a sports party growing up it was always at Alfys and if you had a birthday party, it was always at the Skate Deck. They are a great asset to families in the community, especially those with children of younger ages.