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## How was being a Summit Academy student most beneficial to you?

Honestly, the teachers helped me a lot and so did the staff, but what helped me the most was the atmosphere ... At Summit, having a problem is less of a problem.

#### What was one your greatest highlights as a Summit Academy student?

Transferring to Summit Academy after fifth grade, I was ecstatic about martial arts, learning that the harder you work you gain a new belt if you're good enough. I went from white to green by the first (belt) promotion ceremony ... and I assisted the sensei.

## What kept you going to reach a point of graduation despite crises that impacted your life?

If there is one person who taught me not to give up, it was Mr. Dishon (Assistant Principal Steve Dishon). I could go to him with any issue. He picked up on the fact that I sometimes had poor judgement. He gave me helpful advice on my schooling and helped me look at things from a broader perspective. Also, I could go to my favorite teacher, Ms. (Courtney) Eden, when I had problems. She is a very good person. I could talk to her; she understood life issues. One other person who kept me in school is my best friend, Luke. I felt like I could go to him any time.

## What advice do you have for teens facing struggles in school or home life?

Just keep smiling. Even when you don't feel like it, smile for someone else.

#### Future plans ...

"I'd like to go into the pastry-baking business. I have a sweet tooth so it would give me an excuse."

#### What does it take to be successful?

"Learning that you, nobody else, is going to do it. You have to be good at handling your emotions and putting energy into what you like. Find things that keep your interest and funnel those properly, focus your attention on them.



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