

Personal Perspective of Dahl Clark
1995-1999

Ninth Grade

Goals

My foremost goal has been to begin my high school record with my best achievements, in light of my future application to the North Carolina School of Science and Math.

This year, I have concentrated on pursuing an interest, both at my high school, the North Carolina School of Science and Math, and college, in theoretical physics and environmental biology. Because the formal physics course could only be taken in the eleventh grade at Westover, I settled on extracurricular study of both physics and biology.

Academics

I have maintained a status on the A Honor Roll for all four quarters of this year, keeping the highest class rank in the ninth grade of 367 students. I took three honors level courses, the highest number that can be taken in the ninth grade. At the end of the year, I enrolled to take an English II course at summer school to prepare me for an AP Language/Composition English course in the tenth grade.

Awards/Certifications

I represented my high school at the Pembroke State University Regional Science Fair, moving into the 1996 State Science Fair held on April 26, 1996 at North Carolina A&T University in Greensboro. I competed in the Senior Biological Sciences Division, winning first place and statewide recognition for my school. This year, I have participated in the 1996 Geometry Competition at Pembroke State University, receiving a Certificate of Merit.

Extracurricular Activities and Hobbies

I began to work at the Fayetteville-Cumberland County Youth Council, completing sixteen hours of community service during late April until the end of the school year. FCCYC is a youth-run community service program, providing an opportunity to assist others, apply my skills, and learn new skills in areas involving ecology and humanity. FCCYC provided an opportunity to work with Habitat for Humanity, in which I began to participate the following year.

Tenth Grade

Goals

My immediate goal is to gain acceptance to the North Carolina School of Science and Math. I have been working to achieve this goal by keeping my grades, achievements, and activities high; I still hold the highest class rank in the tenth grade.

I am taking the following courses in preparation pending my acceptance to the North Carolina School of Science and Math and college: chemistry, a second level of biology, and a study of anatomy and physiology to ensure a solid foundation in the natural sciences; a second level of math, Algebra II, to prepare me for the higher study of calculus at both the North Carolina School of Science and Math and college, my third level of Spanish and advanced English to ensure that I can effectively communicate with a wide variety of English and Spanish-speaking

peoples, and world history to balance what I have learned this year with a greater knowledge of my surroundings.

Academics:

I have maintained a status on the A honor roll for all three quarters of my tenth grade year, the second nine weeks alone achieving a perfect 100 average in six of seven classes. My enrollment into the AP Language/Composition English course has been the first in my school's history; an AP course has never been taken by a sophomore.

Awards/Certifications:

I participated in the Regional Science Olympiad Competitions at Fayetteville Technical Community College on February 22, 1997. I received medals for first place within the Earth Science Division and second place in the Biological Processes Division. On March 20, 1997, I competed in my high school's Annual Science Fair and won first place. I received a Certificate of Merit for participation in the 1997 Pembroke State University Algebra II Competition which took place on March 28, 1997.

Extracurricular Activities

I have completed 66 hours of community service this year, most of which were earned with the organization Habitat for Humanity. To date, my involvement in both FCCYC and Habitat for Humanity has led to my completion of 76 hours total. After school, I had been preparing for the Science Olympiad Competitions and have been spending more time reading books for enjoyment at home. During free time, I am currently searching for scholarships and colleges of interest on the Internet. I am now actively participating in outdoor and fitness activities such as swimming, ice skating, and hiking, and am currently pursuing study in areas of personal scientific interest.