



CLARK MONTESSORI HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 2015

Commencement June 2, 2015

About the cover:

As part of the required Montessori curriculum, Clark students participate in two intersessions each year of high school. In the fall each student participates in a developmentally appropriate, grade level intersession. During the two weeks between the first and second quarters, freshmen participate in the Self-Discovery Intersession, sophomores participate in Community Service, juniors embark on a journey of Post-Secondary exploration and seniors engage in a 40 hour Job Shadow experience. Spring intersessions are open to individual student choice and include a range of options including learning different types of needlework, understanding the function and science behind rockets and rollercoasters, exploring local history through the Underground Railroad, exploring the culture of different countries, and challenging oneself physically by hiking the Appalachian Trail. Each intersession includes rigorous academic work and opportunities for reflection and self-assessment.

In the Montessori secondary classroom, including field work and intersession, the environment for the adolescent is planned with the concept *Valorization of the Personality* in mind. Valorization is Montessori's term for the adolescent's process of becoming a strong and worthy person. Valorization comes gradually to the adolescent as she realizes she is useful and capable of effort. This is accomplished by the work of the mind, hands, and heart. It happens when adolescents have appropriate responsibilities and expectations and when they are able to experience the joy that comes from successfully meeting challenges.

Secondary teaching methods exemplify a Montessori staple – whole to part to whole learning. Just as with the younger child, Montessori curriculum has a big picture context intended to create meaning, pique the curiosity, and draw the adolescent into the work. These big picture ideas and concepts studied in class reference the adolescent development theme (for example, *Balance, Energy, Interdependence*, etc.) and are often linked to field studies. The adolescent work of the hands may involve building projects, like Habitat for Humanity, hiking and backpacking, and other physical challenges and adventures that alternate with periods of rest and relaxation (Montessori, 1996).

Montessorians develop skill in creating academic work that fosters a sense of hope and progression of the human spirit. This curriculum includes action in stewardship of the earth and humanity. All aspects of education guide the adolescent toward respect for the nobility of all types of work and the dignity of humans – two essential components of a humane society.

The intersession photos Spring 2015 front cover, clockwise from top right:

- 1 Advanced Space
- 2 Wo/man Versus Wild
- 3 Introduction to Engineering
- 4 Needlecraft Art
- 5 Glass Making/Glass Breaking
- 6 Written on the Body
- 7 Glass Making/Glass Breaking

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Commencement

for

Clark Montessori High School

Class of 2015



Tuesday, June 2, 2015 - 6 p.m.

at the

Cintas Center, Xavier University

1624 Herald Avenue

Cincinnati OH 45207

“During the difficult time of adolescence, it is helpful to leave the accustomed environment of the family in the town and go to quiet surroundings in the country, close to nature. The calm surroundings, the silence, the wonders of nature satisfy the need of the adolescent mind for reflection and meditation.”

Maria Montessori

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Clark Montessori

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Candlelighting Ceremony

This is a ceremony that celebrates our class as a group that has learned to support and care for one another as a human community.

It is also a ceremony that acknowledges the light in each of us as individuals and the beauty of our collective spirit as we prepare to take our place in society. At the end of the candlelighting ceremony we pass the light to a representative of the junior class so that as seniors, they may lead the school by their example of learning, community, hard work, respect and peace.

“The Child who has felt strong love for his surroundings and all living creatures, who has discovered joy and enthusiasm in work, gives us reason to hope that humanity can develop in a new direction.”

Maria Montessori

2015 Commencement Ceremony

Staff enters with . . .	You've Got a Friend in Me by Randy Newman, Arranged by Rick Stitzel Performed by The Jazz Band
Graduates enter with . . .	Pomp and Circumstance by Edward Elgar Performed by Extempo and Jouvert Steel Bands
Welcome & Introduction of Guests	John Spieser, Clark Montessori Principal
Guests	Melanie Bates, CPS Board of Education Dr. Gabriel Lofton, Assistant Superintendent
Remarks	Eric Cook Clark Montessori Alumnus, Class of 2005
Senior Video	Clark Senior Film Crew
Jazz Ensemble	Feeling Good by Bricusse and Newley Arranged by Rick Stitzel
Conferral of Diplomas	Melanie Bates, CPS Board of Education
Presentation of Diplomas	Shelley Graff, Michael Smyth, John Spieser
Instrumental Farewell	Song Z, composed by Jakob Watson and members of Apocalypso Performed by Apocalypso
Senior Reflections	Kevin Haid
Senior Candle Lighting Ceremony	Palladio by Karl Jenkins Transcribed by Bruce Weil Performed by Extempo and Jouvert Steel Bands
Closing Music	Carry On Wayward Son by Kerry Livgren Arranged by Jeff Martin Performed by Extempo and Jouvert Steel Bands

“It is true that we cannot make genius. We can only give to each child the chance to fulfill his potential possibilities.”

Maria Montessori

Clark Montessori 2014-2015

Faculty & Staff

Paulino Alcantara	Jo Guido	Rebekah Pershing
Susan Almer	Sam Guilford	Gregg Pickett
Beth Anderson	Kitty Hapner	Cathy Pohlman
Sandy Angelo	Melinda Harrison	Savannah Rabal
Ann Bak	Monika Hines	Drew Ramsay
Lauris Barnes	Crystal Hinton	Joshua Reid
Barbara Barnett	Jennifer Howard	Jenn Rockel
Paul Bernhiemer	Kevin Hudson	Josh Roderer
Alice Berry	Brad Ingram	Ann Rosell
Ralph Berry	Monica Jackson	Andrea Rotter
Maria Bonavita	Montee Johnson	John Rupp
Stephanie Bradford	Kristin Kauffman	Mary Russo
David Brand	Shawn Kerrigan	Kim Salit
John Brehm	Vicki Lanzador	Leah Saulter
Beth Brown	Sarah Lavelle	Mary Jo Schmidt
Tamara Brown	Susan Lavelle-Ficke	Barb Scholtz
Mike Bruner	Thess Lee-Alvarez	Jennifer Silence
Brenda Bushong	Renee Lentz	Gideon Smith
Jermaine Carter	Jason Loar	Michael Smyth
James Chilcote	Nick Losekamp	Michael Spangler
Greg Coleman	Danny Love	John Spieser
Natalie Coyle	Jenny Lutes	Jessica Stern-Enzi
Kevin Curran	Jean Marquard	Natasha Taylor
Marta Donahoe	Jeffrey Martin	Elizabeth Thelen
Jamie Donaldson	Tom McTernan	Gilbert Thompson
Ronald Duncan	Greg Meece	Paul Tran
Alal Elayyadi	Carolyn Merten	Dana Trotter
Keith Estese	John Meyer	Chad Vahue
Hope Fletcher	Brad Meyers	Ron VanKalker
Christa Foster	Brian Myers	Nathan Warman
Susan Foster	K.D. Miller	Mary Wertheimer
Daniel Furlong	Monica Moreland	Tina Wessel
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Steffanie Gentile	Julie Myrick	Melissa Wilkerson
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Mary Frances Gibson	Gretchen Oum	Alicia Wise
Brenda Gold	Carolyn Park	Max Wuesthoff
Shelley Graff	Lisa Paytes	Abyah Yahyisrael
Christina Gray	Kim Perry	Sherry Young
Meliah Griffin	Spring Perry	Aaron Zupka

Clark Montessori 2015 Seniors

Allison Alfieri	Jalyn Kelly
Taylor Allen	Sydney King
Tristan Allen	Aisha Kirksey
Chris Bak	Janszen Lewis
Tess Balsley	Kevin Lewis
Bilal Barnes	Alex Lopez
Samantha Branch	Deneisha Lowe
Caroline Broscheid	Tiernan McKinney
Alexis Burt	Cameron Middlebrooks
Savannah Castellano	Claire Mills
Ryan Chase	Giulia Palazzo
Michaela Clarke	Rachel Pappalardo
Alexus Davis	Preston Parrish
Raheem Dotson	Tyler Peters
Eric Drozda	Amy Raub
DeShawn DuBose	Marissa Reed
India Everage	Michael Rowe
Xavier Ferguson	Kurt Schmidt
Marihelen Gallagher	Torraye Shattuck
Grant Gampfer	Franny Smock
Clare Garcia	Rico Stallworth
Sophia Grant	Jair Stewart
William Griffith	Nick Theuerling
Sabrina Grosse	Darius Thornton
Kevin Haid	Ali Truax
Emma Happe	Ian Turner
Edward Harris	Jordan Tyus
Nia Harrison	Theo VanDiest
Haley Hayes	Rami Wadih
Jamaira Helm	Tommy Walters
Kiara Helm	Jacklyn Watson
Paris Hill	Jakob Watson
Emily Holt	Jayla Watson
Taylor Hopkins	Julia Weil
Peachy Jackson	Kate West
Jamien Johnson	Madison Williams
Rachel Johnson	Jordan Willis
Armani Johnson-Seard	Khallid Wilson
Ben Jose	Morgan Woodward
Craig Kaiser	Dasia Yanes-Beckley



Allison Claire Alfieri

My favorite memories of Clark are with my friends. I enjoyed going on field trips and getting ice cream with them. I will miss my teachers and role models at Clark. I enjoyed learning new drawing skills at CATC!

Allison will attend Cincinnati Public School District's ICAN Program.



Taylor Grace Allen

What I will miss at Clark is the community style classrooms and the friendships I have created throughout my Montessori education experience. I have been in Montessori education since preschool. Clark was the perfect high school for me. My favorite year at Clark was my freshman year in high school; I made a lot of great memories that year.

Taylor will attend the University of Cincinnati Blue Ash College.



Tristan Cole Allen

Moving from a regular school to a Montessori school was difficult at first. Not knowing anyone, I thought I was done. Only through the love of the students and teachers at Clark, did I survive those first few days. Experiences like intersessions and Andros have really helped me get out of my comfort zone. As a result, I want to explore and travel to more places; if only I could do so with the friends I have here. Leaving this school will be tough. My friends and teachers have taught me so much. I love them, and because of that, I love Clark Montessori.

Tristan will enlist in the United States Navy and was also accepted at the University of Cincinnati.



Christopher Wladyslaw Karol Bak

For the six years that I have been a Clark student, I have developed relationships with teachers and friends that are so close that I could consider them family. Clark has allowed me to learn through experience which has opened new worlds for me that I would have never seen if it were not for Clark. I will never forget the relationships I made with the people on the Costa Rica and Dominican Republic Intersessions. The Clark experience is one of the best experiences I have ever had, and one that I will never forget.

Chris will attend the University of Cincinnati College of Arts and Sciences and was also accepted at Marietta College, Northern Kentucky University, University of Dayton and Youngstown State University.



Tess Margaret Balsley

Clark has played a phenomenal role in shaping who I am as a person. Coming to Clark from Fairview German Language School, I was unaccustomed to a Montessori classroom and teaching style, but quickly grew to like it. Clark has exposed me to different types of people and cultures through two international field studies: Andros and France. These travels, along with my own, have awakened a passion within me of studying and learning about other people and cultures from around the world. I will carry this passion, as well as all of the experiences I gained through my six years at Clark with me through my life.

Tess will attend Ohio University and was also accepted at Indiana University Bloomington, Michigan State University, The Ohio State University and the University of Cincinnati.



Bilal Zu'Bair Malik Barnes

Clark has been like running a marathon. It has been filled with many highs and lows but I wouldn't have wanted it any other way. Not only has it taught me hard work, respect and the importance of community, but also compassion, problem solving and the importance of keeping a positive mindset. Clark provided me with a place to create and sustain relationships with people that I may have never met anywhere else and to thrive in any learning environment. My love for this school and the people in it is eternal. As I leave, I'm proud to say I graduated from Clark Montessori High School.

Bilal is still exploring post-secondary options.



Samantha Shakeir Branch

Clark was a wild ride for me, but I feel that this ride taught me something very valuable, which is to go with the flow because everything may not go as planned. I feel that Clark has provided me with hands on experiences that have prepared me for the future. I believe that coming to Clark has taken me completely out of my comfort zone, and I have become friends with people that I would have never thought I would be friends with. At the end of my Clark Montessori experience, I would say that Clark Montessori is much more than your average high school.

Samantha will attend Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University.



Caroline Grace Broscheid

Throughout my time at Clark, I have learned so much about myself and the world around me. Coming from a non-Montessori background, I was unsure what to expect when I began attending Clark six years ago. I adapted quickly to the Montessori way and thrived in all of the environments. From fall camping trips to going out of the country to Andros and Paris, Clark has given me many opportunities to bond with my peers and to grow as a person. One skill I see in myself is leadership; I see it shine through

my personality every day and I look forward to bringing this skill into my adulthood. If it weren't for the wonderful experiences I have had at Clark, I wouldn't be where I am today.

Caroline will attend Northern Kentucky University and was also accepted at the University of Cincinnati.



Alexis Marie Burt

As I look back on my life as a Montessori student for 14 years, I really appreciate my education and all of the unique opportunities I have had. From my Andros Island experience to shadowing at University Hospital for two weeks, I have had countless experiences that I will never forget. My favorite way to learn is through hands-on activities and Clark gave me that opportunity. Being at Clark inspired me to always be determined and to never give up even if things are tough. Clark's curriculum has inspired me to believe in myself and understand that, while the easy way out may seem like a good idea when things get tough, hard work is what truly pays off.

Alexis will attend Youngstown State University.



Savannah Gabriella Castellano

When I think back on my time at Clark, what stands out the most are the relationships I have been able to build with the teachers and staff. Not only do we know each other on a first name basis, we also know a certain amount about each other's personal lives. Clark has provided me with relatable teachers concerned not only with my academic growth, but my personal growth as well. I know these student teacher relationships are unique to Clark, and I am confident I couldn't have found them at any other school.

Savannah will attend Xavier University and was also accepted at Miami University Oxford, University of Cincinnati and University of Dayton.



Ryan Christopher Chase

I have enjoyed my time at Clark! I will miss my teachers and seeing my friends every day. I will miss playing basketball with my friends in the gym. I enjoyed learning about digital design at CATC. A favorite memory I have is bowling at Stone's Lanes with my friends and eating pizza!

Ryan will attend Cincinnati Public School District's ICAN Program.



Michaela Ann Clarke

The years I've spent at Clark have been filled with so many irreplaceable experiences that I will never forget. The exploratory curriculum is one of the many things I appreciate about my time here. I have loved learning through immersive experiences in various communities, within and outside of the country, through intersessions, camping, and service opportunities. Clark has provided me with a strong support system through a loving, yet challenging community of people. I've found my family, the people I will miss the most as we head our separate ways. Clark has pushed me so far out of my comfort zone, and there's no time to turn back now.

Michaela will attend DePaul University and was also accepted at Earlham College, University of Cincinnati and University of Dayton.



Alexis Brianna Davis

My experience at Clark has been outstanding. I have learned so many different things at so many different levels. I've learned that, by being a Montessori student, I was provided the opportunity to participate in a more hands-on education. I don't know any other school that takes its students to Andros and camping or offers such an array of intersessions. All of these activities are given to us to enhance our educational experience. Every one of these experiences came with a lot of work, but that work enriched our knowledge and made us better students and people.

Alexis will attend Wilmington College and was also accepted at Kentucky State University.



Raheem Ahmed Dotson

Through my time as a student at Clark Montessori, I have come to appreciate the hard work mentality that my peers and the staff have instilled in me. At Clark, everything is earned and nothing is given. The amount of work that you put in will directly be reflected in the grade that you receive. So if you want that success, you are going to have to work for it. This lesson has helped me in ways I never could have imagined and hopefully will continue to help me in my life after high school.

Raheem will attend Mount St. Joseph University and was also accepted at Wilmington College.



Eric Tonaе Drozda

I remember being extremely shy and distant from everyone. From all the years I've been with Clark, I've learned that the individual's strength is molded from the collaborative hands of family. Every experience we've had at Clark has never been personal because we've all experienced it together. I believe that is how the Clark spirit lives on; not because it's the school we attended, but it's the entity that we created together and will pass on to the next soul as ours burns out and leaves trails of harmony and reassurance. Thank you for being a part of my six years.

Eric will attend Cincinnati State Technical and Community College.



DeShawn Israel DuBose

This school has taught me more lessons than any other place in this world. It has taught me to leave the past in the past and look to the future. Clark has a wonderful set of teachers who are always on it. Not saying they are perfect, because no one is. I am saying that they will help you in any way they can. They taught me that if you are going through the worst of times, you've got to keep pushing through. There is no time like the present.

Shawn is still exploring his post-secondary options.



India Ashley Everage

My experiences as a “Montessori kid” have been very tough but I appreciate the push that my teachers gave me. They just want us to be prepared for the real world. They want us to be successful in life.

Indy is taking a gap year to explore post-secondary options.



Xavier O'Neal Ferguson

I will remember Clark as a place where I taught many people things they will need in the future. I also learned things from teachers and adults here that I would have never learned at this age.

Xavier will attend Ellsworth Community College and was also accepted at Ashland University.



Marihelen Conkin Gallagher

My Clark experience will influence how I live the rest of my life. Clark has taught me how to teach myself and how to be independent. Clark has also given me a sense of purpose in the world and taught me how to appreciate what I have. The experiences I have had on numerous intersessions made me realize how lucky I am to have had such a meaningful education. Going to the Dominican Republic this past intersession has shown me how special it is to have teachers who love to teach, and how I should not take it for granted. I truly believe that Clark has given me the tools to succeed; all I have to do is use them correctly.

Marihelen will attend DePauw University and was also accepted at Butler University, Rhodes College, Rollins College and University of Sewanee.



Grant Miles Gampfer

When I tell people that I go to Clark Montessori, most of the time they have never heard of it. I kind of like it that way. Clark is small, and because of that I was able to become very close to the people around me. I feel privileged to have been able to build such good relationships with my friends and peers. I am also grateful for the wonderful experiences; from the six fall camps, to the marine biology study at Andros Island, to hiking the Appalachian Trail, to studying Jazz in New York City, to studying Spanish culture in the Dominican Republic, I am very thankful to have experienced these trips through Clark.

Grant will enlist in the United States Marine Corps.



Clare Nicole Garcia

Clark has definitely been an experience I will never forget. I didn't attend a Montessori elementary school, so coming to Clark was a big change for me. However, I am glad that I chose Clark over any other school. I have made some amazing friendships at Clark that I think will last a lifetime. I have also had some amazing experiences from going to Andros in 8th grade to going to Washington, D.C this year. Being a part of the steel band has been a fun experience that wouldn't have been offered at any other school, so I am thankful for that. I feel that Clark has helped me become the kind, caring and respectful person I am today.

Clare will attend the University of Cincinnati Blue Ash College.



Sophia Elizabeth Grant

Growing up at Clark Montessori has taught me so much. I had a support system comprised of my dedicated friends, siblings, and grandparents, my challenging teachers, the hardworking staff, and most of all my loving parents. By watching them, I learned the value of loyalty. I was also able to learn hands-on, through experiences such as teaching visually impaired students how to play the steel drum. Through this experience, I learned to be selfless. I learned responsibility through senior project and through being a part of EPIC. I am so grateful that I have been prepared for adulthood by such wonderful people, and raised in such a wonderful place.

Sophie will attend the University of Cincinnati College of Arts and Sciences.



William Karl Stark Griffith

During my time at Clark, I've woken up in a dark tent miles from civilization to the howls of coyotes just outside, been peer pressured into jumping off several objects 30 to 50 feet tall, drifted in and out of consciousness on a bus headed south and heard the words "Adam's in the cargo hold bleeding out, but we're in space now, so it should be alright" in a context that made sense. I've also tried to decide if a snake 2 feet away was venomous or not, suffered mild altitude sickness, almost been stabbed by a stingray, been blown out an airlock and saved a small town from a forest fire. These experiences have probably prepared me for "real life", although I kind of hope not.

William will attend Rochester Institute of Technology and was also accepted at Drexel University, Illinois Institute of Technology, University of Cincinnati and West Virginia University.



Sabrina Ann Grosse

Throughout the past six years at Clark, I have experienced many things and met amazing people. I never imagined my senior year ending so quickly but here it is. I feel more prepared for the future than at any time in my life and that is from the experiences I have had at Clark. For this I can thank the multiple spring intersessions, like traveling to New York, and the incredible people who made it clear that anything is possible. My most recent trip to space camp in Alabama, forced me to step out of my comfort zone and accomplish tasks I was not sure I could do. Clark taught me to keep trying and never give up.

Sabrina will attend the University of Cincinnati Blue Ash College.



Kevin Thomas Haid

Clark has changed my life in more ways than I can count. Every spring I go on a trip that gives me a new outlook on life. Whether it be teaching the steel drums to children with learning disabilities, hiking a part of the Appalachian trail, or spending ten days in the Dominican Republic to learn about its culture, every time I come back with life changing experiences and memories with friends and teachers that will last forever. I am so thankful for the relationships I have with my teachers and friendships because they made the Clark experience truly special.

Kevin will attend Miami University Oxford and was also accepted at University of Cincinnati, University of Dayton,

University of Kentucky, Wittenberg University and Xavier University.



Emma Charles Happe

Clark has been a part of my life for six years now. There are many experiences and trips that this chapter in my life has given me - whether it's been a simple moment or a field study, it will always stick with me during the next chapters of my life. I've been given the opportunity to travel to Andros, New York, and Paris, and it was so life changing. Clark gives you so many opportunities and they help prepare you for life beyond high school. I'm so grateful to have been a part of such a close and great community.

Emma will attend the University of Cincinnati Blue Ash College.



Edward William Harris

I have enjoyed all the experiences I have had at Clark. My best moments at Clark are when I'm making people laugh, when my parents visit and I can introduce them to all the people who are special to me, playing in steel band and feeling included in some awesome Clark events and learning experiences. I was able to share it with my brother and some longtime friends who started at Clark with me, and are finishing it together! Go Cougars!!

Edward and his family are continuing to explore his post-secondary options for vocational programs and community employment.



Nia Jai Harrison

I haven't always been a Montessori student and because of this, I admire the community feel and the hands on learning experience at Montessori schools more. My overall experience at Clark has been great. There were some highs, like doing a two week job shadow at a chemical company and lows, like getting sick at leadership camp. Getting through these experiences is what made me the person I am today. I look forward to carrying the knowledge that I've gained from these experiences to the future.

Nia will attend Youngstown State University and was also accepted at Ohio University, University of Akron, University of Cincinnati and University of Dayton.



Haley Rose Hayes

The teachers at Clark are incredible individuals. They are always there for us. They provide their cell phone numbers and encourage us to contact them anytime. They bend over backwards to make sure each one of us is successful. They also support us emotionally. Whenever I had a bad day, all of my teachers noticed and asked if I was okay. They develop relationships with every student and care for them like family. The support and encouragement my teachers have given me has made a tremendous impact on who I am, and has helped me prepare to enter a new phase of my life.

Haley will attend Xavier University and was also accepted at Baldwin Wallace University, Bellarmine University, Earlham College, Loyola University, Otterbein University, University of North Carolina Asheville and Wittenberg University.



Jamaira Raquel Helm

My experience at Clark Montessori is one that I will never forget. The community environment you get here is one you'll never find anywhere else. The teachers actually want to be here and they actually care about the students. I can't imagine spending my four years of high school anywhere else. Clark Montessori taught me to be a brave leader and I'm grateful for my experiences here.

Jamaira will attend Miami University Oxford and was also accepted at Bellarmine University, Butler University and University of Cincinnati.



Kiara Nichole Helm

As a Montessori kid, I enjoy that no one at Clark is really afraid to be his or herself because everyone is accepting of the different qualities others have, even if it is unusual and weird. I know that I am a shy person; I enjoy being quiet, and at times I can be really weird. However at Clark, I learned that it is okay if you don't follow the crowd.

Kiara will attend Bowling Green State University and was also accepted at Kent State University, Northern Kentucky University and University of Cincinnati.



Paris Lavelle Hill Jr.

During my time as a student at Clark Montessori, the one thing I've enjoyed most has been the field experiences such as camping and intersessions. What I appreciate most about these experiences is the opportunity to develop and exercise our work ethic. By moving our education outside of the classroom, it gave us the opportunity to take the work ethic that we developed inside the classroom and translate it to the real world. It also gave us the ability to create a bond with our classmates, which is something that most students at other schools don't get the opportunity to do.

Paris will attend Northern Kentucky University and was also accepted at Ashland University, Bowling Green State University, Cincinnati Christian University and Wright State University.



Emily Allgauer Holt

Clark Montessori has allowed me to explore every facet of life, which spans far beyond academics. This school has introduced me to adults who I have modeled myself after, and has allowed me to independently develop a sense of self. The staff and teachers have granted me a degree of patience and respect for which I am deeply grateful. However, the best thing that Clark has provided me in the past six years is a group of peers that I now call family. I have met people who have changed my outlook on the world, and I love them very dearly. This school has provided me with a high school experience that has allowed me to grow into the person I always hoped to be, myself.

Emily will attend Washington College and was also accepted at Hood College, St. Mary's College of Maryland and University of Cincinnati.



Taylor Monet Hopkins

I am so grateful to have had such a unique four years at Clark! Words cannot describe how perceptive and outspoken I have become thanks to the interactive learning environment. Memories such as the Harlem Shake video from sophomore year and "La Familia" from the Dominican Republic intersession during my senior year are ones that will not be easily forgotten. The bonds I've made with my classmates are rooted in a mutual understanding of the journey it's taken to get here. These years have flown by too fast, but I guess that's how you know for sure that it was all truly amazing and unbelievably worth it in the end.

Taylor will attend the University of Cincinnati College of Arts and Sciences and was also accepted at Boston College, Indiana University, Pepperdine University and Radford University.



Tita Ronae Jackson

I will always remember my time at Clark, and all the amazing and wonderful people I've met through our school. I think the biggest lessons I've learned at Clark are that hard work pays off, and how to collaborate with other people on various projects. I'll never forget my experience in the Bahamas, our camping trips, and my awesome intersessions. I will also cherish the time I spent dancing on the Clark Dance Team. Above all, I'll remember the many laughs I shared with everyone!

Peachy will attend the University of Cincinnati College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning and was also accepted at the Columbus College of Art and Design and Savannah College of Art and Design.



Jamien Charles Mikal Johnson

Looking back on my six years at Clark, I reflect on how much I have changed. I used to be this shy and quiet child who you would be surprised if a word came out of his mouth but experiences like fall camping and intersession have freed the voice that was imprisoned inside of me. Because of this, I was able to make a lot of new friends and create a bunch of memories that will be remembered for a very long time. I have enjoyed my time at Clark and I will really miss all of the good times I've had there.

Jamien will attend the University of Cincinnati College Of Allied Health Sciences, and was also accepted at Eastern Michigan University and Northern Kentucky University.



Rachel Millis Johnson

My time spent at Clark Montessori has provided me with some of the most memorable years of my life. Undoubtedly, I cherish Clark's sense of community the most. Our class is one family, and the closeness among all of us is irreplaceable. The relationships I've created among my teachers, mentors, and peers will carry into the next chapter of my life. The memories we've created, whether it is jumping off a bridge with my classmates in Andros, or stargazing with my friends on the roof of our camp in the Dominican Republic, will be treasured

in my heart forever. Clark Montessori's community has helped shape me into the person I am today.

Rachel will attend Clemson University and was also accepted at Auburn University, College of Charleston, Elon University, Indiana University, Miami University Oxford and University of South Carolina.



Armani Mechelle Johnson-Seard

I am very happy that I chose to attend Clark for high school. Although my days at Clark were not easy, I am still glad to be a Cougar. I appreciate all of the hardworking teachers who put up with us, and who helped me get to where I am today by helping me expand my knowledge and set goals for myself. I will always remember and love the people who were by my side throughout my years at Clark. I had a lot of fun experiences with them, and look forward to having even more in the future. I also look forward to the new opportunities that lie ahead on my journey.

Armani will attend Winston-Salem State University and was also accepted at Clark Atlanta University, Fayetteville State University, North Carolina Central University and Forsyth Technical Community College.



Benjamin Thomas Jose

I initially chose Clark Montessori because I was familiar with Montessori and comfortable with the style of teaching that occurred at Clark. As time went on, this comfort grew into a feeling of belonging, like this is where I was meant to be. I learn best by doing, and Clark afforded me plenty of opportunities to do so. Field studies and intersessions allowed me to explore topics in ways I never thought possible. Before Clark, I had never dreamed of snorkeling through coral or piloting a space shuttle through the atmosphere. What I have learned about academia and myself during my time at Clark is irreplaceable, and I wouldn't trade it for anything.

Ben will attend Miami University Oxford and was also accepted at The College of Wooster, McDaniel College, University of Cincinnati and Wittenberg University.



Craig Alexander Kaiser

The past four years at Clark have taught me the values of servant leadership. Clark has instilled in me the importance of serving the community. Intersessions have stretched my comfort zone. I've learned to appreciate the reward associated with hard work, but also I've experienced the disappointment of failure. I've developed a greater understanding of individuality through the Clark curriculum. Through seminars I've been able to establish a voice for myself, and more importantly, I've grown to hear the many voices and opinions of others. Clark has given me all the tools I

need to go forward in life to serve and lead my community.

Craig will attend the University of Dayton College Of Engineering and was also accepted at The Ohio State University and University of Cincinnati.



Jalyne Marie Kelly

Leaving Clark is both exciting and upsetting. It's exciting because I'm moving on and will use the skills that I gained from Clark to be successful. It's upsetting because I have to leave the community that I feel very comfortable in. I have a good group of teachers that have pushed me to be a better person and have taught me to always work hard. I have a great group of friends that have been supportive and caring but also fun and crazy. Leaving this community will be hard, but in the end I know that I will be okay because being at Clark has given me the skills that I need to be successful.

Jalyne will attend the University of Cincinnati College of Education.



Sydney Elise King

Clark has taught me how to come out of my shell and to talk to new people. I plan on applying these lessons to my life as I continue on to college. I grew up as a Montessori child, and it has taught me how to be more independent. The Andros trip that I took in the 8th grade taught me Clark is not just a school to me; it is a second home.

Sydney will attend Wright State University and was also accepted at Mount St. Joseph University and Northern Kentucky University.



Aisha Monik Kirksey

When I talk to people about my high school experience, it's definitely different than how they explain theirs. Clark is different from other high schools and I think that is extremely obvious. When I tell someone I'm going on a camping trip with my school they are always shocked. Camping is always a different experience for me. Camping shows me something different about myself each time I go. Camping always helps me better my skill of being patient. Overall Clark Montessori High School has been a crazy experience for me but has definitely changed my outlook on all life situations for the better.

Aisha will attend the University of Cincinnati Blue Ash College.



Janszen Lewis

Clark is like a roller coaster. Throughout my high school years, there were many ups and downs, and twists and turns I wasn't prepared for. However, when the challenges arose, I went along for the ride. Being able to be involved in extracurricular activities made going to school fun, whether it was on the sidelines at every football game helping the athletic trainer or on the court actually playing the sport I love. Clark Montessori is a place I could never forget. It was my second home. Through the field studies, intersessions, and senior project, I gained a lot of friends and confidence in myself. The support from teachers and students was unexplainable.

Janszen will attend Eastern Michigan University and was also accepted at Akron University, Northern Kentucky University and Wright State University.



Kevin Eugene Lewis

My 6 years at Clark have been a blessing in disguise. Not a single year at Clark was easy for me.

I never got to just "get by". I always had to work hard to earn my success, and if I didn't work hard, I didn't succeed. Clark has taught me to always give 110% on and off the basketball court. I am just so thankful to have attended Clark because it has shaped me into the young man I am today, and will continue to help me grow as a student, player and man.

Kevin will attend Wilmington College and was also accepted at Kentucky State University and Marietta College.



Alexander Daniel Lopez

I will remember Clark in my future because it was the start of me being a man. Clark gave every student the opportunity to succeed. At other schools you make friends. At Clark your friends become family. I'm so glad I could share the great opportunities that Clark offers with such a wonderful group of people.

Alex will attend Xavier University.



Deneisha Rena Lowe

I have been in Montessori classrooms my whole life and Clark took Montessori to another level for me. The experiences that I had at Clark Montessori were just amazing. There were moments where big challenges were thrown at me, but with my inspiring peers to help me along the way, I soon overcame those challenges. From that first swing across on the trapeze, I knew at that very moment that Clark would create exciting experiences that challenged everyone to go beyond their comfort zone. Clark Montessori has taught me that I can do anything I put my mind to.

Deneisha will attend University of Cincinnati Blue Ash College.



Tiernan Emmett McKinney

My experience at Clark has been great. I think my best memories are from the Appalachian Trail intersession. Any school that takes two weeks off from regular courses to go hiking with only what we can carry on our back is a pretty cool school in my book. The Trail taught me a lot about perseverance. There were so many times when I wanted to stop, but I didn't hate it. It turned out to be one of the best experiences I have ever had and certainly the one of which I am most proud. Experiences like the Trail are what I will miss most about Clark.

Tiernan will attend the University of Cincinnati College of Engineering and Applied Sciences and was also accepted at University of Dayton and Wittenberg University.



Cameron Pierce Middlebrooks

High school can be a difficult time for a lot of people. We all have our good and bad days. Yet, at Clark, we have a community of people that cares for each other and makes sure that no one gets left behind. With the field studies and intersessions we have experienced, we have been able to make new connections outside of school and create long lasting relationships with each other. For instance, being close to someone since 7th grade and finding you still have that closeness at the end of high school. I personally have made a lot of friends and they've been there to help me out. I am very grateful that I was able to make friends that looked out for me at all times. Even though high school has come to an end, I will never forget the friendships I've made with people I've come to know and love.

Cameron will pursue the firefighter's recruitment with the Cincinnati Fire Department.



Claire Lindsay Mills

Clark Montessori has taught me so much and has shaped me into the young woman I am today. It started at leadership camp when I jumped down from the power pole and had to rely on my classmates to catch me. It continued through senior project, when I was surrounded by teachers who supported me, and my classmates who pushed me to reach today. Clark has given me friendships and relationships that are hard to find. Montessori teaching is about hands-on work, teacher interaction and involvement. Clark not only provided that, but also encouraged independence in striving for my goals.

Claire will attend the University of Cincinnati Blue Ash College.



Giulia Palazzo

I arrived at Clark during my senior year and my experience here was great. As soon as I walked on campus I couldn't have felt more welcomed. Some of the people I met during the first few days then became some of my closest friends. I enjoy how, at Clark, all that matters is who you are; it's not about how old you are, your skin color, your race or religion. Everybody is appreciated for his or her uniqueness. The teachers have been always really supportive and have tried their best to help. Clark has taught me that you have to work hard to obtain what you want because life is not easy.

Giulia will attend the University of Cincinnati College of Arts and Sciences.



Rachael Marie Pappalardo

My experiences at Clark have strongly contributed to the person I am today. From group initiatives during fall camp to teaching children how to speak English in the Dominican Republic, these experiences have taught me the importance of helping others and serving as a leader in my community. I will forever appreciate the close friendships I have made over the years, as well as the teachers who have challenged me to achieve academic success. I look forward to taking what I have learned in the classroom out into the real world, and to apply my knowledge from Clark everywhere I go. Clark has taught

me to never give up and to constantly redefine my definition of success every day.

Rachael will attend the University of Cincinnati Carl H. Lindner College of Business and was also accepted at The Ohio State University and University of Dayton.



Preston Daniel Parrish

I came to Clark Montessori because I thought the Andros Island trip was free. I stayed at Clark because all my hard work paid off and I managed to pay the 2,000 dollar fee for the world's greatest middle school field trip, and to this day I have no regrets about spending that money. I can think of more than a couple moments in my high school career where I wanted to call it quits. But I moved forward, and amid an atmosphere of hard work, perseverance, and risk-taking, my experiences at Clark took me across half of the entire country. As I graduate, I will definitely

remember the life lessons I learned here in this building with these friendly classmates, these wonderful teachers, and these beautiful memories of my time as a high school student.

Preston will attend the University of Cincinnati College of Arts and Sciences and was also accepted at Howard University and University of Dayton.



Tyler Lee Peters

Clark Montessori has taught me how to communicate well with my peers. I didn't go to a Montessori elementary school so starting off middle school in a Montessori school was scary. Making the decision to attend Clark Montessori was the best decision I made. Andros Island made a big impact on who I am today and was definitely my favorite experience as a student at Clark Montessori.

Tyler is still exploring his post-secondary options.



Amy Christina Raub

Choosing to attend Clark for my last two years of high school is one of the best decisions I have ever made. The Clark community really is a special thing. It is the only school I know of where students know at least ten facts about every member of their class. Besides fostering diverse friendships, Clark also encourages its students to follow their passions and formulate their own opinions. I have truly never met a group of more passionate, caring individuals than the members of my senior class. While next year we will all be going down separate paths, I can't wait to see everything we will accomplish in the future.

Amy will attend Pitzer College and was also accepted at Bard College, Sarah Lawrence College, Smith College, The Ohio State University and University of Puget Sound.



Marissa Tiara Reed

I am happy that I chose to come to Clark for high school. Even though I didn't come until 9th grade, I still feel like I've been here forever. What I will miss the most is the small community that Clark invited me into. All the students welcomed me like I had been here in junior high with them. Clark has shown me that the teachers really care about you. They want to see you succeed, and they will do whatever they can to help. I've enjoyed the community aspect that Clark offers. Being in a community was a different experience than I imagined, but I have come to really enjoy my community of friends and teachers and I am thankful for all they have taught me.

Marissa will attend the University of Cincinnati Blue Ash College.



Michael O'Donnell Rowe

My time at Clark has definitely helped set the framework for the person who I am today. One of the ways that Clark has done this is through its intersessions. I believe that they are what truly give Clark its personality. The chance to go and work with children who live with visual impairments or to explore one of the volcanic craters in Hawaii are experiences that not only transform us as individuals, they provide us with perspective and help us to understand how we as individuals fit into the world.

Michael will attend Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and was also accepted at University of Akron, University of Cincinnati and University of Dayton.



Kurt Douglas Schmidt

Though there were times in my life when the mere thought of school was akin to an aneurysm, I can truly say with complete honesty there is nothing I'm as grateful for as Clark. In my years of adolescence, Clark's community, hands-on learning, and academics, that I had the honor of experiencing, have shaped me in a way I will probably never be able to fully appreciate or understand. My experiences at Clark have become so ingrained in me; I cannot imagine myself without the memories of Clark. Though I may not fully understand it, I do know I wouldn't trade a second of it for anything in the world.

Kurt will attend the University of Cincinnati College of Arts and Sciences.



Torraye Marcus Shattuck

Throughout my years at Clark, one thing I can say I will take away from my experience is the appreciation of community and its significance to adolescent development. Growing up in the Montessori environment made it easier to form relationships and bonds. However, this is something that can require a great deal of discipline. With this tight community it is easy to find yourself more social, and less academic. These aspects of community are backed by the field studies and group work we as Clark seniors have committed ourselves to for 6 years. I truly believe this experience will help me in my future. It will allow me to open doors for myself as well as others.

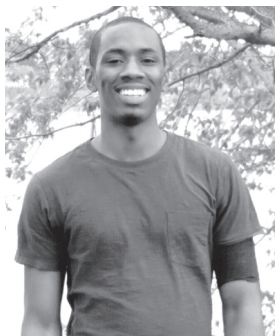
Torraye will attend the University of Cincinnati Clermont College.



Frances Muriel Smock

I would not be the person I am today without Clark. My diverse experiences and opportunities have prepared me for the future in ways that a traditional school would not. I have confidence in my ability to be independent and strive for my goals. The people I have met at Clark will be in my life forever. I have made friends with whom I can have meaningful, thought-provoking conversations. Looking back on my six years at Clark makes me realize how lucky I am to have been able to form these relationships with my friends and teachers. I had an amazing high school experience that I will never forget.

Franny will attend American University and was also accepted at DePaul University and The Ohio State University.



Rico Lamont Stallworth Jr.

Being at Clark has been the most unique and unforgettable experience of my life. I have been afforded the opportunity to cross paths with people from many different walks of life and it has truly been a life changing experience. I will cherish every memory from fall camping to playing with school children in the Dominican Republic. Clark is not a school for the faint of heart, but it has definitely given me the tools to prepare myself for the rest of my life. I will never forget my friends that are like my family and my teachers that were like my friends.

Rico will attend The Ohio State University.



Jair Ashur Stewart

I admire how my friends at Clark Montessori are on the same page as I am. We all want to become successful. We all want to be someone who people look up to and remember as the young men and women who didn't let anything or anyone get in the way of their success. We all help each other to become that person by supporting each other in every little thing we do, whether it involves sports, school, or getting ready for an interview. We all want success and Clark has helped us strive to achieve it.

Jair is currently undecided and was accepted at Bethune-Cookman University, Tuskegee University, William Peace University and Xavier University of Louisiana.



Nicholas Alexander Theuerling

I've been a Montessori kid since kindergarten. It wasn't until the end of my 6th grade year that I became aware that not every school required its students to sit in circles for morning meeting, or work at tables in a group with their peers like in the real world. The other schools format was uncomfortable to me so I knew Clark was the only choice for me. I've met lifelong friends and come to understand the way I enjoy learning: hands on. I've been to Andros Island and Washington D.C., thanks to Clark's unique curriculum, and I couldn't be happier with how my high school years transpired. The education I've received at Clark will allow me to find success in any post-secondary option I choose.

Nick is taking a gap year to explore post-secondary options.



Darius Eugene Thornton

I feel that Clark Montessori helped make me the person I am today. The teachers and staff pushed me to do my best and made me want the best for myself. Clark Montessori is a school for people who want to work hard and be the best. I am a hands-on learner and Clark Montessori has allowed me to experience this method of learning to a degree that would be impossible at other schools. There were moments that seemed hard and insurmountable, but with hard work and dedication, I learned that anything is possible. Clark Montessori prepared me for my future. I am ready to handle any challenge I may face.

Darius will attend Northern Kentucky University and was also accepted at Barry University and University of Akron.



Ali Rachael Truax

Moving on from Clark, while it will be difficult, is very exciting. Through my experiences at Clark, I have gained a sense of independence that only Montessori students understand. We learn to be individuals, and yet we know that the only way to really succeed is together. Every step of the way, we've made our own decisions and, through thick and thin, we made it here alive, well, and ready to do it all over again with whatever each of us chooses to pursue. I will keep my memories that I've gained from Clark and remember them often because, whether I like it or not, Clark changed me, and I think it changed me for the better.

Ali will attend the University of Cincinnati College of Arts and Sciences.



Ian Price Turner

I am proud to come from an environment such as Clark that values cooperation and acceptance. My junior high and high school experience has shown me the importance of respect, flexibility, and hard work. I will always cherish the memories of comfortably reviewing tough assignments with my instructors. The experience I shared with my peers and teachers was extremely unique and essential to the development of my own independence. I hope to represent Clark with excellence in my future endeavors.

Ian will attend the University of Cincinnati Carl H. Lindner School of Business and was also accepted at DePaul University, Eastern Michigan University and Ohio University.



Jordan Jerome Tyus

Clark has given me experiences like my New York intersession, crazy and unpredictable. I have been fortunate to have out-of-classroom experiences and to meet a lot of people. I have made friends who I can always count on for a laugh and who I know I can always trust. I will never forget the memories that I made with my teachers and peers. The teachers at Clark are unique and they have given me valuable life lessons. Clark has taught me to never give up and work to my full potential in everything that I do.

Jordan will attend the University of Cincinnati Carl H. Lindner College of Business and was also accepted at Barry University, Miami University Oxford and Tennessee State University.



Theo Leonard VanDiest

The experiences I had at Clark will stay with me for a lifetime, from the Andros trip all the way to my final intersession in Washington, D.C. The intersessions were definitely my favorite part about Clark. The most prominent memory I have is when I hiked the Appalachian Trail during my sophomore year. I was alone on the trail, out of breath and my muscles were shot, yet I was still able to push through the "roller-coaster," which was ten hills over seven miles. This helped me prove to myself that, even when there is no end in sight, I am still able to push through whatever life throws at me.

Theo will attend Ohio University.



Rami Lyndon Wadhi

People often get confused when I try to describe to them what it is like going to school at Clark Montessori. The unique style of education that Clark offers can only be understood by experiencing it. What I like about Clark is that the goal of the school is not to be an academic powerhouse or to develop a bunch of national merit scholars but rather, it is to offer a holistic education. This is a very progressive and respectable ideology. In the process of attending school at Clark, I have developed more than the ability to understand different subjects of study. I have been able to enhance my creativity, my open-minded-

ness, and my leadership skills. To me, these qualities are more important than being able to channel words from a textbook into an essay. It is these type of qualities that make me who I am.

Rami will attend The Ohio State University and was also accepted at Miami University Oxford and the University of Cincinnati.



Thomas Michael Walters

I can still remember entering my junior high community to meet my teachers and peers before the school year started. I remember meeting many of the friends I still have today. Countless adventures such as braving rapids in a canoe, jumping off 30 foot poles, chasing nurse sharks in Andros and accidentally crashing an orbiter into the International Space Station, have made my teenage years seem much more like a goofy action/comedy movie than a normal high school experience. It has been a film full of conflict and challenges, but also one with laughs, triumphs and

happiness, and a cast of characters so dynamic and complex that no actor could ever properly portray them.

Tommy will attend the University of Cincinnati College of Arts and Sciences and was also accepted at Northern Kentucky University and University of Dayton.



Jacklyn Rayeann Watson

When I am asked about what the past four years of high school have meant to me, many things come to mind. I am faced with a range of memories, that without all, I have nothing. I remember when I first came to Clark as a high school student my freshman year; I made friends with so many people. Clark means to me a time of change and finding myself. From what I hear, these are the best four years of my life; I'm not so sure of that, I still have a lot of living to do. Life is what you make of it.

Jacklyn is still exploring post-secondary options and was accepted at Alabama State University.



Jakob Durham Watson

Clark Montessori High School is the best school this world has to offer. How many kids get to say they are offered the opportunity to take two weeks out their school year learning by doing things like hiking the Appalachian Trail, traveling to New York to play with their 9th grade steel band, or even going to Huntsville, Alabama to be part of a Space Camp. Clark offers so many unique and fun experiences. I have met people here that have truly changed my life. I am deeply grateful for these four years and wouldn't wish to attend anywhere else.

Jakob will attend the University of Cincinnati Carl H. Lindner College of Business and was also accepted at University of Dayton.



Jayla Renee Watson

Being at Clark Montessori I had the opportunity to learn outside of the classroom. For example, taking a trip to Andros in the eighth grade to learn about marine water life and a different culture, and also having the opportunity to leave school for leadership camp in 7th grade. Overall Clark Montessori taught me that learning doesn't have to be inside the classroom.

Jayla is still exploring post-secondary options.



Julia Lucia Fairlie Weil

Clark has been an incredible, though overwhelmingly Montessori, place. It has caused me to have spontaneous seminars with friends for fun. One time, we even had a community meeting, complete with a greeting, in the middle of a Saturday night. Clark has taught me to ask questions and to snorkel. I've had great teachers who ate orange peels, threw markers, and made me think. I've met some of my favorite people in the entire world here, friends who are hilarious, thoughtful and ridiculous, and who have expanded my personality for the better. I have a lot for which to thank Clark.

Julia will attend Ohio University and was also accepted at

American University, Case Western Reserve University, The College of Wooster, University of Cincinnati, University of North Carolina Asheville, and Wittenberg University.



Kate Margaret West

Throughout my time at Clark, I can say I have truly grown into a more mature young adult. By being at Clark I feel I am prepared for what the world has to offer, all thanks to the various field studies and unique learning style Clark has to offer. Most importantly, my time at Clark has allowed me to build great relationships with many of my teachers. I will not just remember Clark Montessori for the amazing friendships that were formed, but also for the teachers who stuck by my side and believed in me. The Clark community is one big family and will always have a special place in my heart.

Kate will attend Ohio University.



Madison Lee Williams

Over the years, Clark has taught me to be a hard working person and that time management is important. Clark's Montessori philosophy has encouraged me to learn to work as a community and to expand my comfort zone. What I admire most about Clark is that as a community we were always taught to include everyone while we explored our own independence. A recent memory from intercession that helped shape who I am was learning to meditate and become one with myself. This experience, and many others, has taught me to set goals in life and work to accomplish them, no matter how hard they may be.

Madison will attend the University of Cincinnati College of Allied Health Sciences and was also accepted at Kent State University, Ohio University, University of Akron and Wright State University.



Jordan William Willis

In all my years in a Montessori school, I'm glad I spent my high school years at Clark Montessori. Here it feels like a community with the people I have come to know and love dearly. I feel as though I have grown immensely as a person. I used to be about fun and jokes but now, I am about kindness for others too. The teachers were devoted to helping the students and bringing the students together. Of course we had hardships throughout the years, but that makes it all the better that we've stuck together as a team and made it to the next chapter. I may not have started out as a Montessori student, but I will definitely be moving on as a Montessori student, and I would not change that one bit.

Jordan is still exploring post-secondary options.



Khallid Shakur Muhammad Wilson

If I could describe my time at Clark in one word it would be insightful. I have learned so many things at Clark that I will use in my daily life. Through the various teachers and students who I have encountered, I have learned so many beneficial things, like working as a group and developing communication skills, which I will carry with me throughout not only my college experience, but my life as well. I can remember laughing with all my classmates with who I thought I had nothing in common. As I leave Clark, I leave with no regrets, only love for the experience which I was a part.

Khallid is still exploring post-secondary options.



Morgan Groh Woodward

My time at Clark has been filled with many amazing and indescribable experiences. I have learned so much about myself and my abilities both in and out of the classroom. I have worked with many different types of people and have formed many strong bonds. Clark has pushed me past my physical, emotional, and mental limits and has taught me how to be successful in any circumstance. It has taught me to keep pushing for what I want and to take charge of any situation. I am who I am today because of Clark, and I will always think fondly of my Clark experience.

Morgan will attend the University of Evansville and was also accepted at DePaul University, Loyola University Chicago, Miami University Oxford, University of Cincinnati, University of Dayton and Xavier University.



Johan Dasia Esi Yanes-Beckley

For me, the best lessons are taught outside of the classroom, and I am grateful that Clark gave me so many of those lessons. In 7th grade, Clark's approachable teachers and friendly students welcomed me with open arms. It has allowed me to grow into an adult who is confident about her future and filled with a foundation of hope for the world's future. More importantly, Clark has taken me to places like New York City and Andros Island, and those experiences have taught me to embrace the beauty of the world, which I didn't used to see.

Dasia will attend Antioch College and was also accepted at Centre College and the University of Cincinnati.

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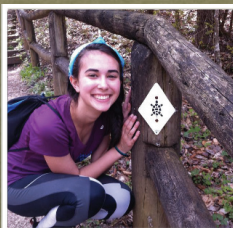
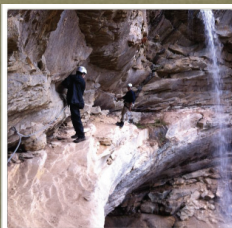
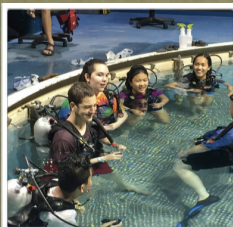
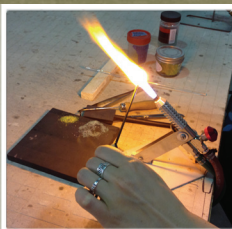
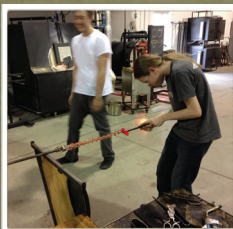
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