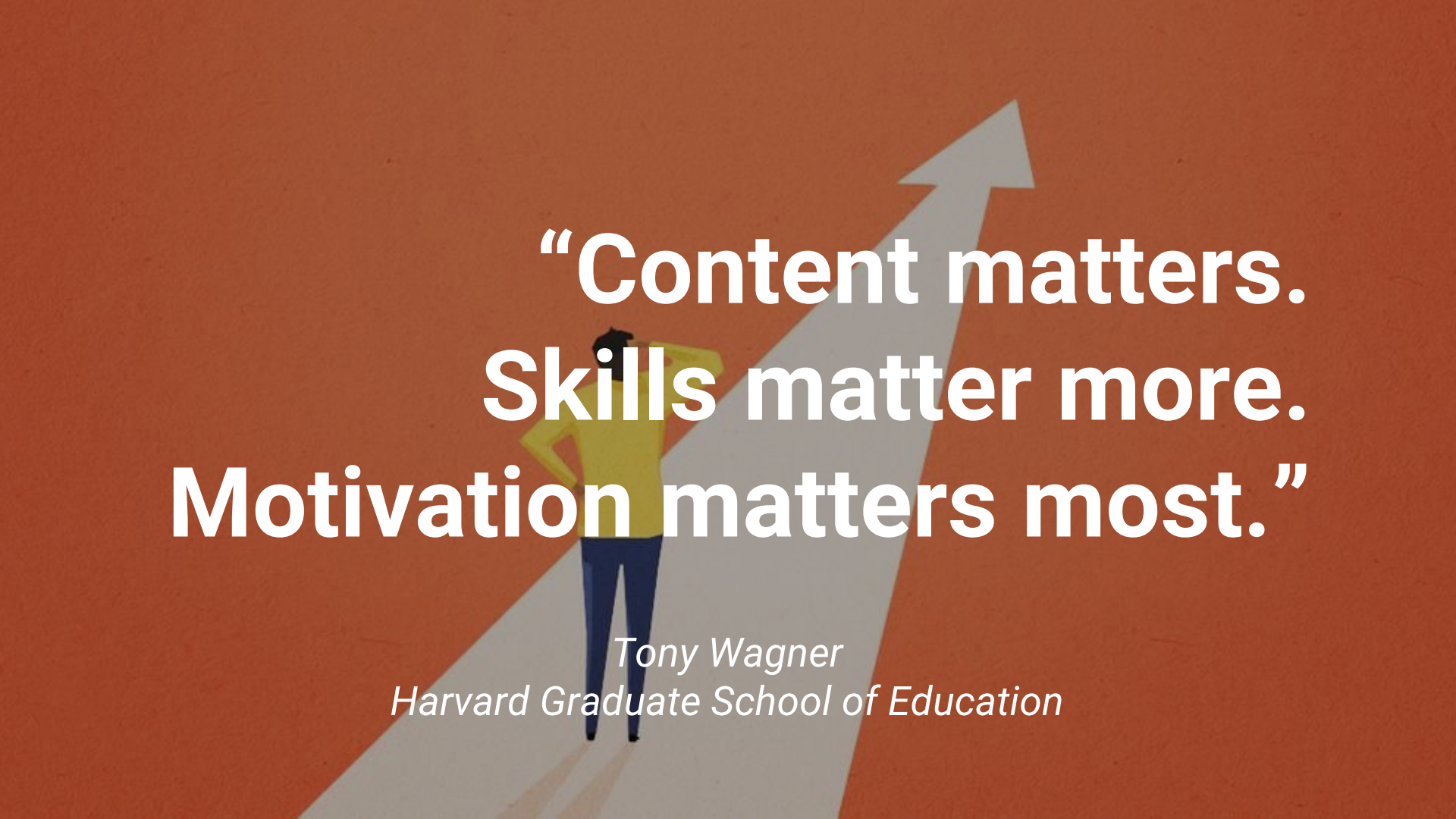


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Skills matter more.
Motivation matters most.”
Tony Wagner
Harvard Graduate School of Education

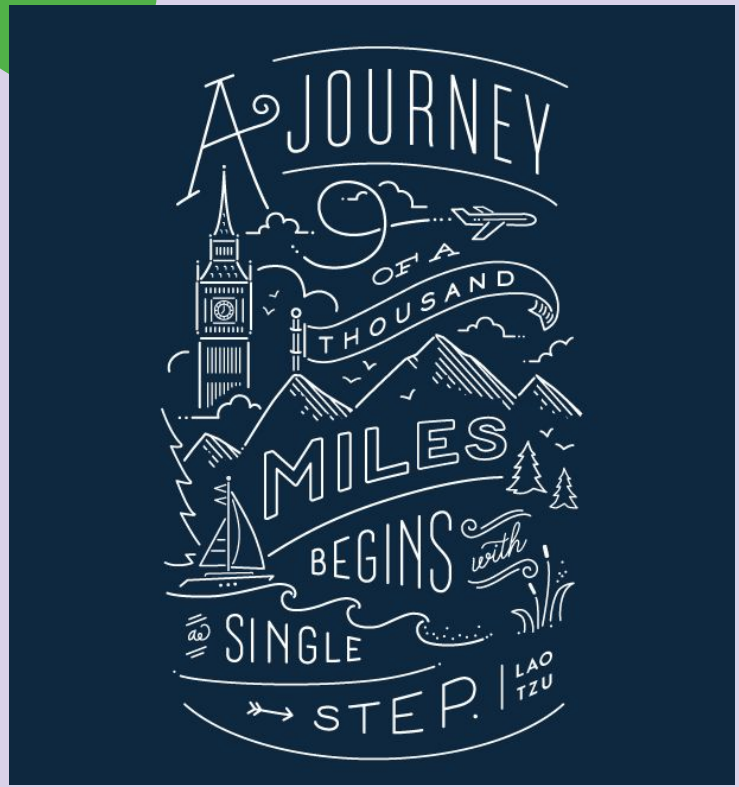
Shelter Rock Academy



Founded in 2004-2005


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History...



The Shelter Rock Academy opened in the 2004-2005 academic year.

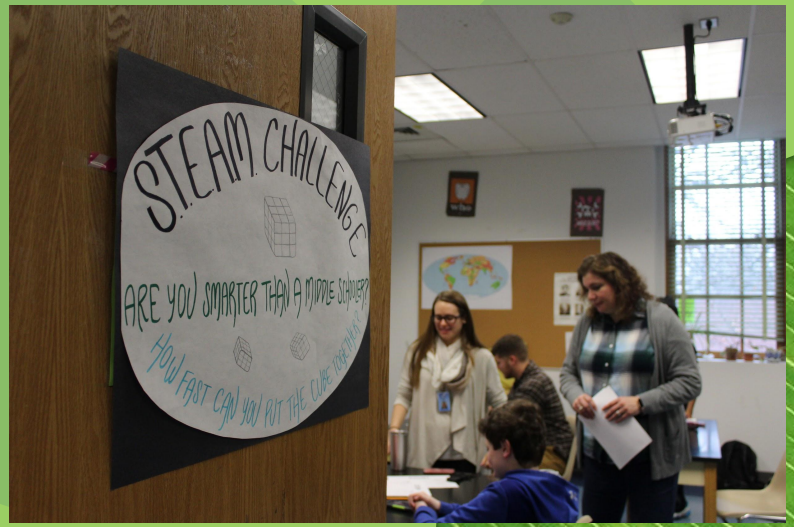
The program began as strictly a high school satellite program.

How we got started...

- The program was developed to help support a population of fragile students whose success was dependent on an alternative setting rather than the traditional classroom.



- Our approach was one that aimed to build student self-esteem with positive experiences and focused counseling.

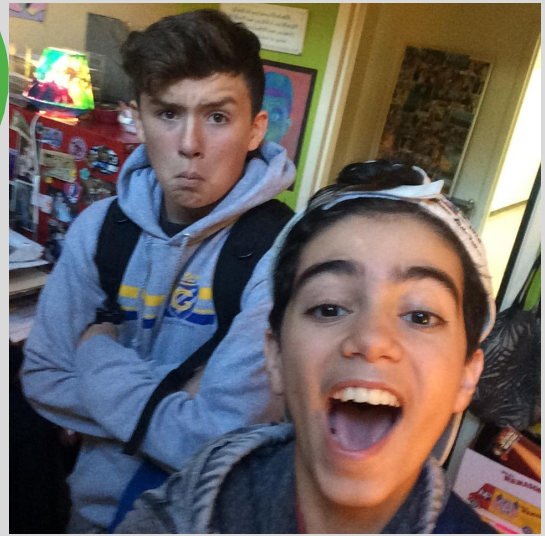


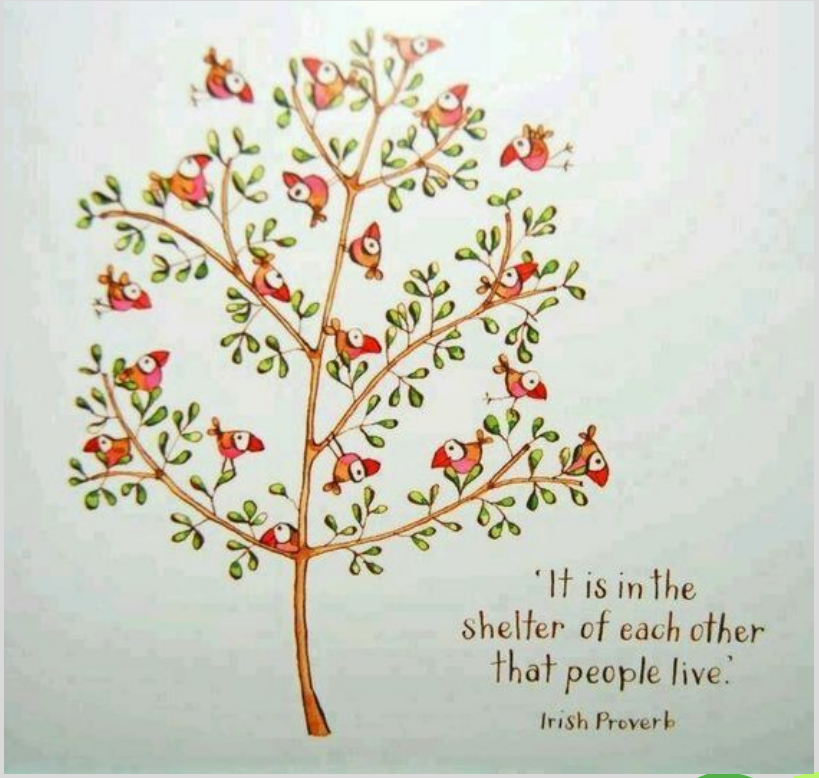
★ The students and staff focus on community involvement and collaborative efforts.



★ We promote academic independence by pursuing students' interests and implementing them into the curriculum.

★ Through all of this, attention is given to individual needs as well as the importance of being part of a community.





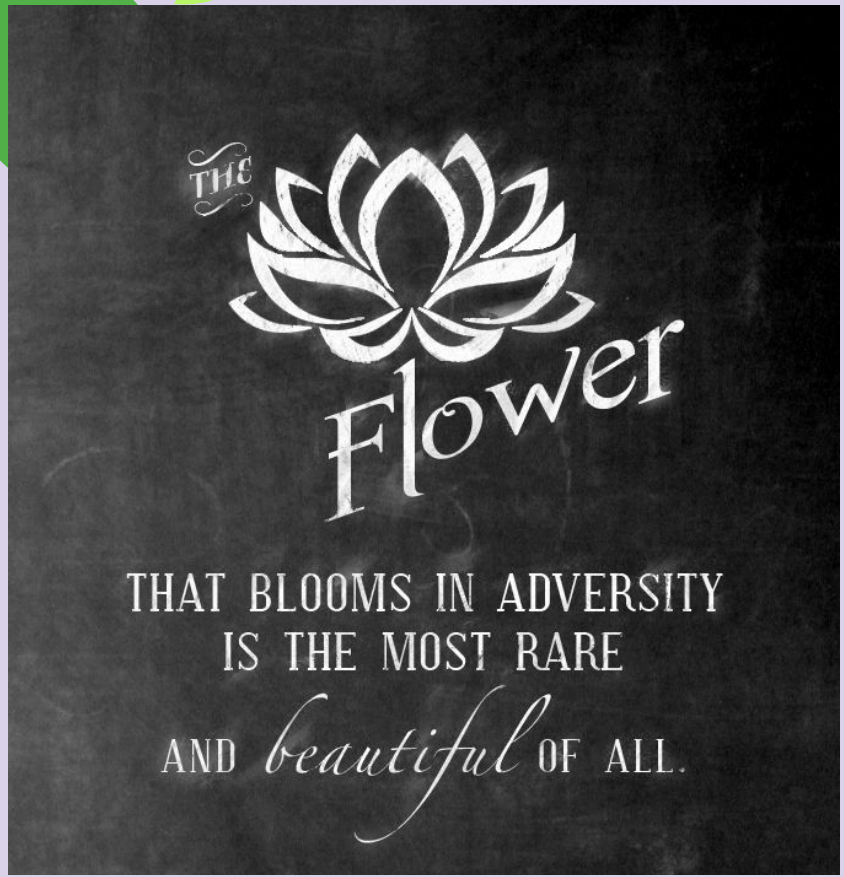
In 2012-2013, we began incorporating our middle school pilot cohort.

How We Operate:



- ★ The Shelter Rock Academy is a general education program that offers all of the core classes necessary for a Regents Diploma.
- ★ Counseling is an integral part of the Shelter Rock Academy and is provided as an additional support to all students.
- ★ These sessions are designed to increase students' self-esteem, develop better ways of coping with frustration, and create a better sense of self worth.
- ★ Additional services are provided as needed such as Academic Intervention Services, Special Education, etc...

Academy Student Profile



Academy Students are/have:

- ★ **Average to above average intelligence**
- ★ **On track for a Regents or Advanced Regents Diploma**
- ★ **A difficult time in a traditional MS/HS setting**
- ★ **In need of an emotionally nurturing environment**
- ★ **In need of flexibility to be who they are**

Shelter Rock Academy Mission Statement



The Shelter Rock Academy is committed to the academic, social and emotional success of all students.
The administration, faculty and staff believe that a successful program should:

- View students holistically and support all aspects of student growth
- Provide a safe, comfortable environment for academic and emotional growth
- Foster a partnership between parents, staff, students and community
- Provide ample access to academic, vocational, and personal counseling
- Strengthen the individual learning styles and needs of students



“Our goal has always been to meet the varied yet specific needs of individual students and have them experience success.”

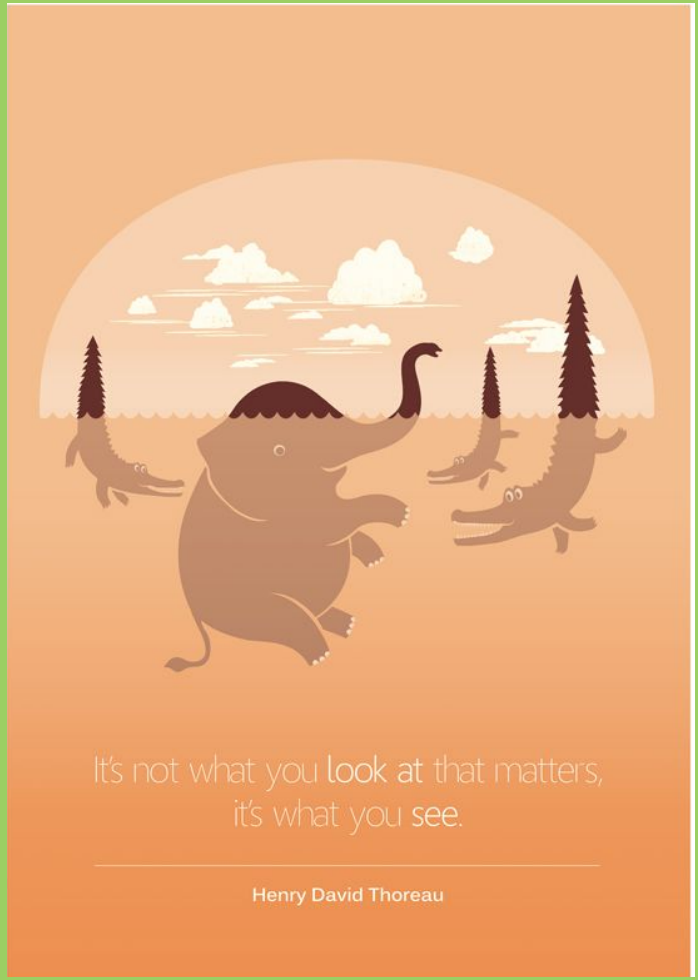
2012-2013 Growth...



- At this time, we had both an opportunity and a need to apply this same formula for success to include seventh and eighth grade students.

- Our goal for the 2012 – 2013 school year was to expand and take over our existing location at 99 Shelter Rock Road and have a full program for seventh and eighth grades.

★ **Expanding into the middle school grades enabled us to increase our availability to a broader population and create a program that is truly unique when compared to other alternative settings in Nassau County.**



★ We have found that the level of success a student meets is directly related to when the “buy-in” has taken place. Essentially, the earlier a “fragile” student is taught the tools necessary to cope with his/her issue, the greater the likelihood that the student will make a smooth transition into a high school setting.





Middle School Success



The majority of students who attend the Academy are identified and referred to us during their middle school years. The ability to start the process earlier in the students' education has resulted in a greater likelihood of a successful transition to the high school environment.



Comparator Schools

Jericho
Roslyn
Syosset
Manhasset
Great Neck
Garden City
Locust Valley
East Williston
Rockville Centre
Port Washington

Roslyn: Hilltop Academy
Syosset: Castle Program
Great Neck: The Village School
Great Neck: SEAL Program
Rockville Centre: Greenhouse



4. School Visits



A. The Village School & SEAL Program
B. Hilltop Academy
C. Meadowbrook Alternative Program
D. Harmony Heights
E. Greenhouse
F. The Castle Program

Shelter Rock Academy Schedule 2017-2018

SRA	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
7th	Science 7 LAB	Art 7/8	Math 7 108	S.S. 7 5	LUNCH	AIS 7 5	English 7 104	Middle School	Middle School
8th	Algebra Prep 101	Art 7/8	Science 8 LAB	English 8 104	LUNCH	AIS 8 101	S.S. 8 5	Middle School	Middle School
9th	HS Art	English 9 104	AIS 9 104	Algebra 101	Global 9 102	LUNCH	Living Environment LAB	PE/LAB	Spanish 1 108
10th	HS Art	Global 10 108	English 10 101	Geometry 108	AIS 10 104	LUNCH	Earth Science 4	PE/LAB	Health ½ year
11th	HS Art		US Film 102	PE/ LUNCH	Topics 108	Forensics LAB	US History 102	AIS 11 102	English 11 104
12th	Gov't/Eco 102	English 12 101	US Film 102	PE/ LUNCH	AIS 12 101				

Students that attend the Academy are from the following school districts:



Garden City * Long Beach

Great Neck * Lawrence

Lynbrook * Malverne

Hewlett - Woodmere

Manhasset * Mineola

And in previous years:

Bethpage * Carle Place

East Meadow * Smithtown

Plainview-Old Bethpage



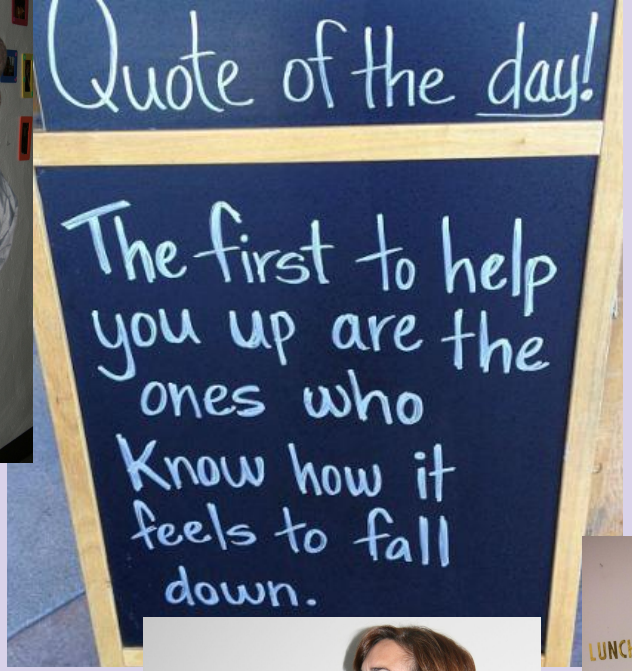


While students attend classes at the Shelter Rock Academy campus, their transcripts are maintained and diplomas are issued by their home district high school.








Quote of the day!
The first to help you up are the ones who Know how it feels to fall down.








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LUNCH



Student Activities

- Mindfulness
- Project Adventure
- Community Service
- Social Emotional Learning





















From: Rosemary XXXXX
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2018 3:26 PM
To: Allison Barshak
Subject: RE: Field Day!

Good Afternoon,

You run the best events. I wish I went to your school. Thanks for all you do for our kids









Thanksgiving Feast

SHELTER ROCK ACADEMY





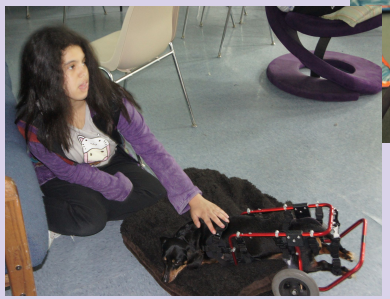


Project Adventure















Shelter Rock Highlights

★ Small classes allow individualized instruction

★ Strong counseling component

★ Supportive environment

★ Supportive and challenging learning community

★ Intimate and collaborative setting







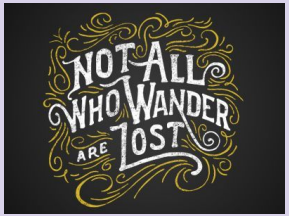











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USMC Keith McNamara
Class of 2010







USMC Aaron Kim
Class of 2007



USMC Mike Bacotti
Class of 2010







NY Army National Guard
Sergeant Nick Fengarinas
Class of 2005



Superstorm Sandy
Long Beach, NY



Hurricane Maria
Puerto Rico









"A teacher takes a hand, opens a mind, touches a heart, shapes the future"

"At the Shelter Rock Academy, I was provided with the tools that I needed to realize that I could be successful. The teachers and faculty showed me that they were not just teachers, but, they were my support system. After I graduated High School, I realized that I wanted to make a difference in childrens' lives just as they did for me. My experience at the Shelter Rock Academy has inspired me to want to help and teach others. "



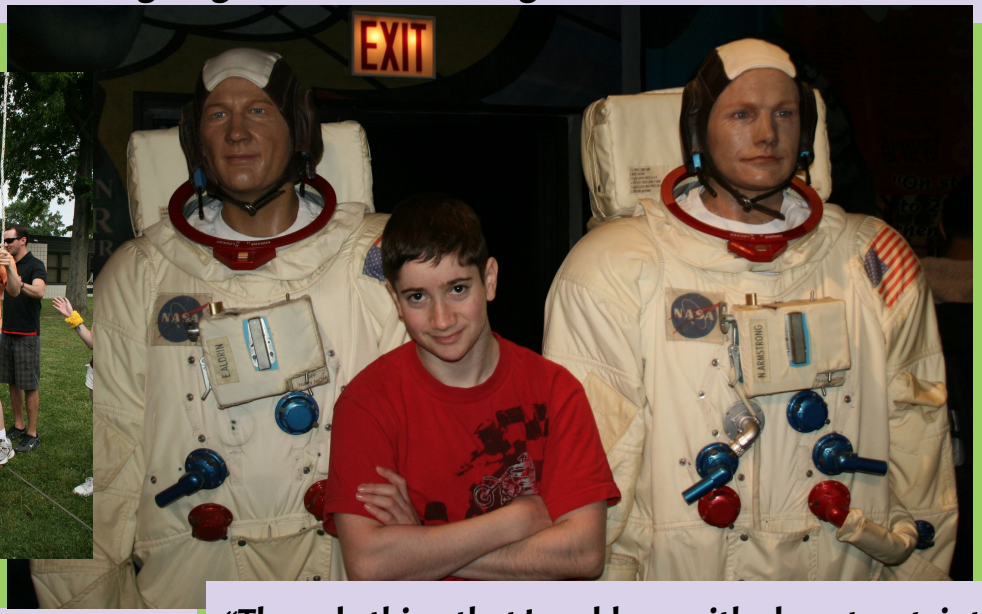


Cara… Class of 2006
Bachelor's Degree in Childhood Education
Master's Degree in Special Education
Advanced Diploma in School Building Leadership
Special Education teacher in Far Rockaway



"Because there were only 30 kids, everyone knew everyone pretty well. We were all one big, dysfunctional family, so to speak. So I had people to talk to, to sit with at lunch, to spend time with during free time. The increased social events, like field trips and Thanksgiving Feasts also encouraged more interaction."

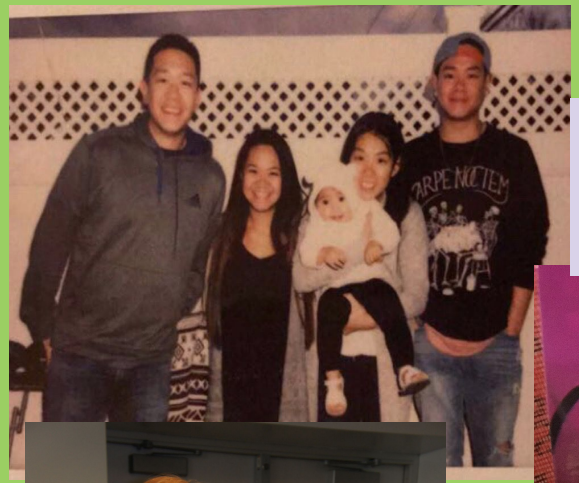




Josh… Class of 2013
Manhattanville College
On his way to a PHd. in Biostatistics at the University of North Carolina

"Well, I probably wouldn't be where I am without the SRA…
They deserve some good PR."

"The only thing that I could say with almost certainty is that I am thankful to have gone to Shelter Rock Academy. There is something to be said about Shelter Rock Academy; there's something about it that worked, something that can't be described, that can only be experienced."



"I ❤ SRA because I don't think I would've had a future without everyone there."



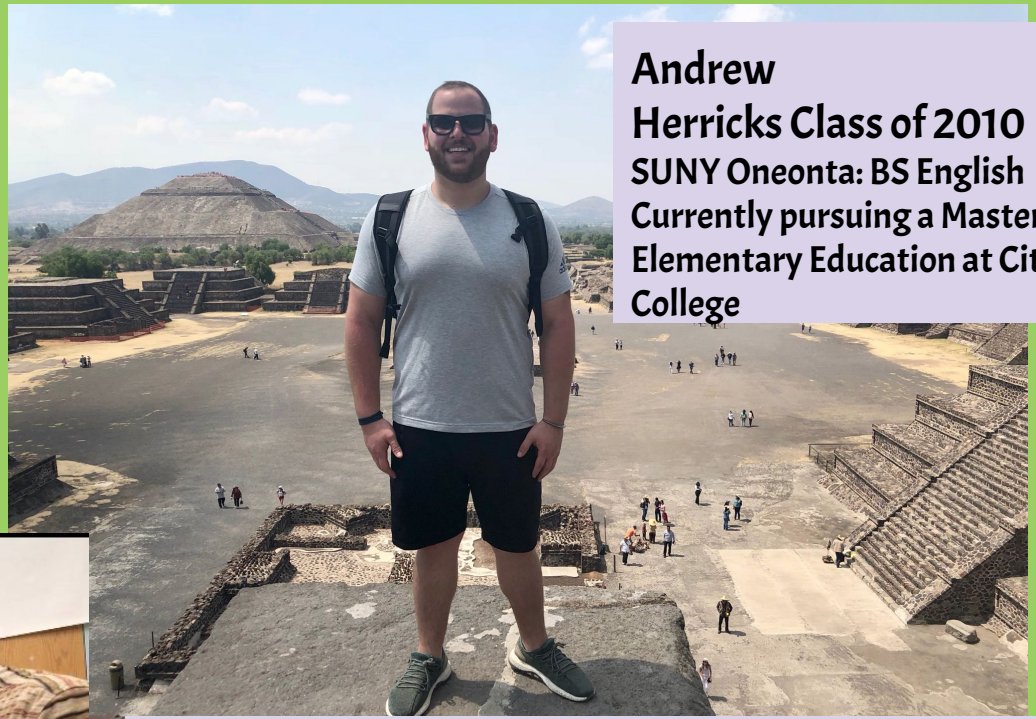






Melanie
Class of 2013
Radiology Administration
New York Presbyterian Queens Hospital





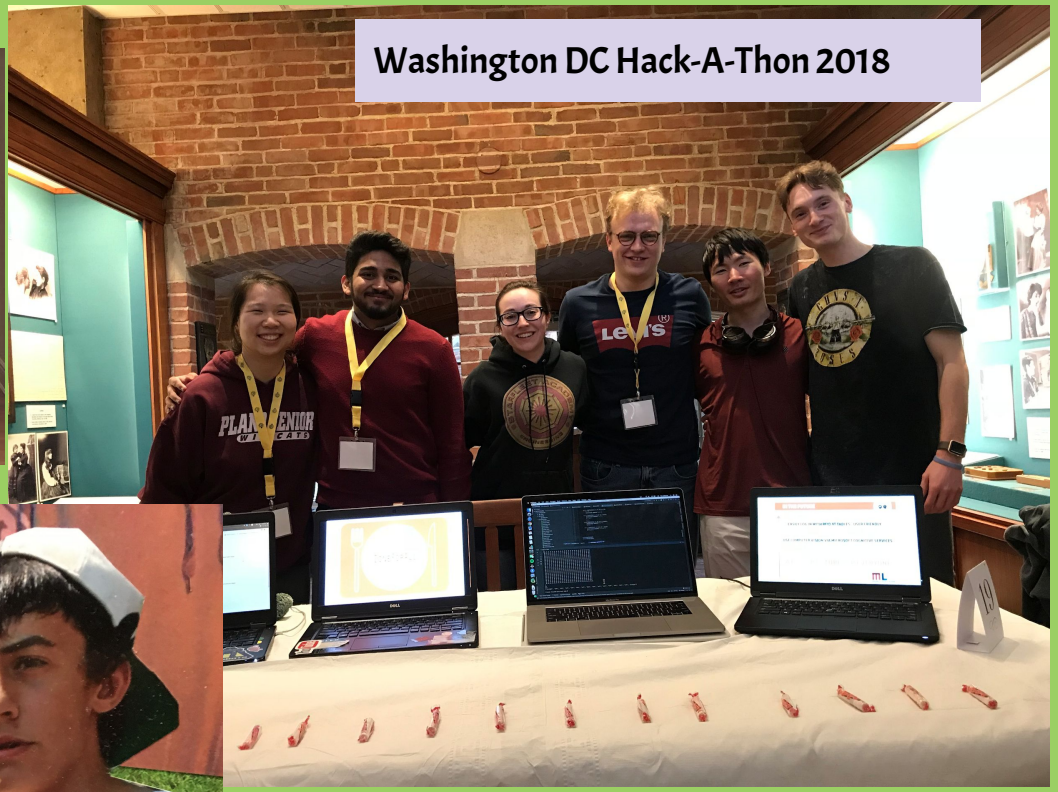
Andrew
Herricks Class of 2010
SUNY Oneonta: BS English
Currently pursuing a Masters in Elementary Education at City College



“The educators, administration, and faculty of The Shelter Rock Academy provided a student, lacking any academic aspiration and ambition, with the encouragement to pursue a college career -- and here I stand, in pursuit of a Master's Degree in teaching with the hopes that I too will leave a positive impact on the next generation.”







Washington DC Hack-A-Thon 2018



Vadim
Herricks Class 2015
SUNY ALBANY… Computer Science & Math

“Shelter Rock was the perfect sized classroom for me, large enough so that I wouldn’t be in the spotlight but small enough that I could have real connections with my teachers and peers. I also took great comfort in knowing that if I needed to take a break or go for a walk that the teachers would completely understand. Additionally, I was able to take classes at the High School which would help me prepare for college level math and physics courses. “





Matt…
Herricks Class of 2016.
Certified in Aviation Operations from Nassau BOCES, 2016.
Mechanical Engineering Technology at SUNY Farmingdale.

“I was able to focus on my work and begin to earn some grades back. While the curriculum did not seem entirely different compared to the high school’s, the teachers were. They were down to earth, my earth. Their words of advice and comfort helped me begin to take steps down a new path. “







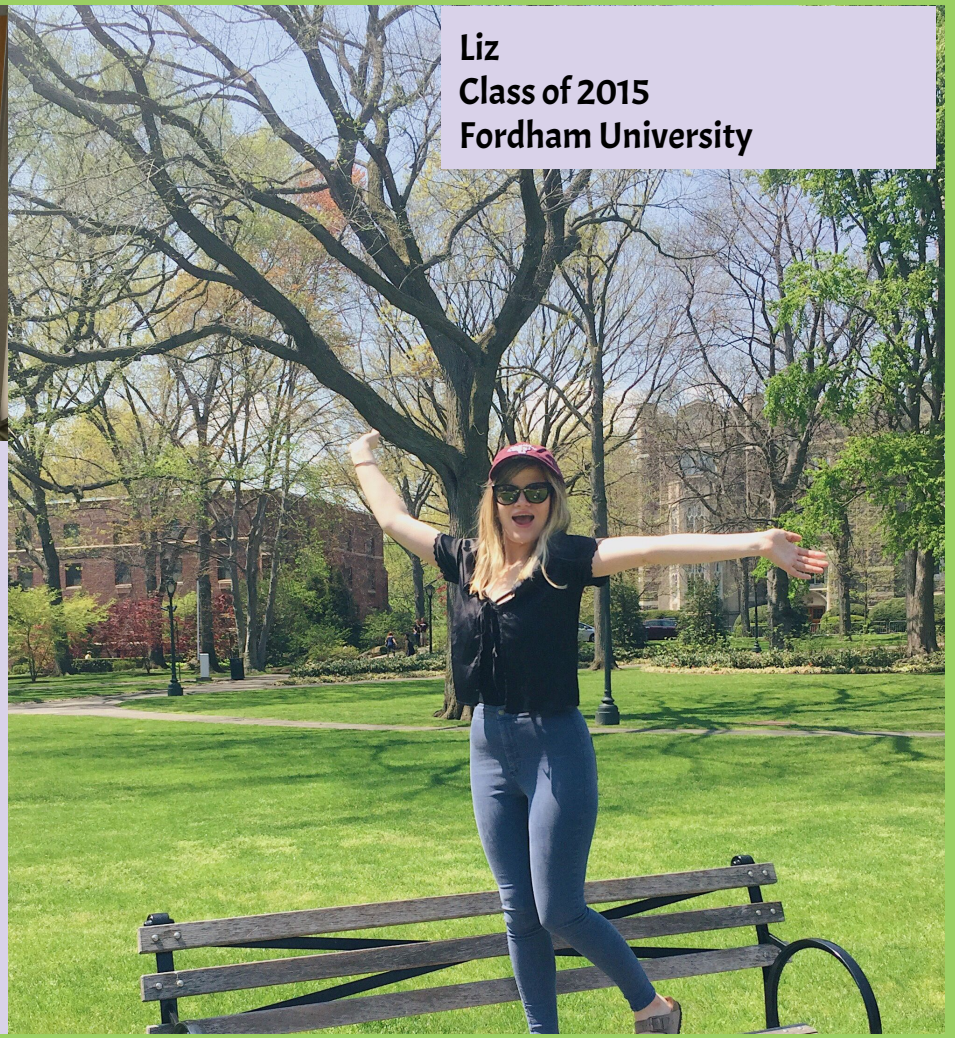


Amanda
Teaching Assistant Herricks UFSD
SUNY Old Westbury
BA in Politics, Economics & Law
MAT Social Studies 7-12 December 2018





Liz
Class of 2015
Fordham University



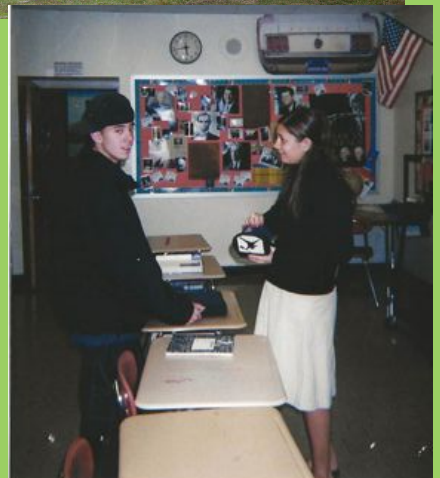
“While I love furthering my education at Fordham, the support I received at the SRA is truly what made it all seem possible. I’m extremely grateful for all the skills and abilities I was encouraged to develop during my time there, and I firmly believe in the program’s abilities to equip students with the tools they need to succeed in their own lives.”

This letter is to convey my appreciation and gratitude for all the hard work that the Shelter Rock Academy had put forth to insure my success while in high school. Without the determination of everyone at the program, I would not have graduated high school. With the guidance of the staff, I succeeded in graduating and had a great experience during the process. After Herricks, I went on to attend NCC and then Adelphi University where I perused a degree in Business Administration. Throughout college, I maintained a GPA of 3.5 - 3.8. I am working for a construction equipment corporation for nine years now and my fiancé and I are getting married in July of this year. I attribute much of my success to what I learned at the Academy. I am happy to see the Academy evolving into a larger program able to help more students in need and hope to see the continuation of the Shelter Rock Academy in years to come.

- Joseph









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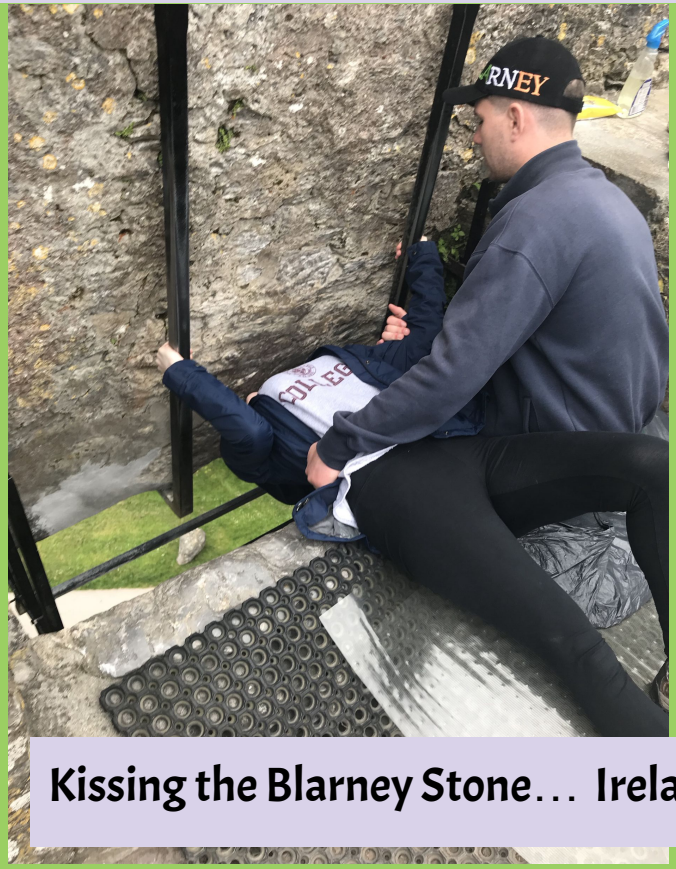


"Without the Shelter Rock Academy, I would not be where I am today. Everyone who was apart of the community gave me the courage and confidence to face life after high school. They are the reason I'm going into the field of education."

Xox Tristen... Class of 2015







Kissing the Blarney Stone… Ireland 2018





I started the Academy as a freshman and continued there until I graduated. I went through some of the toughest times of my life during those four years with losing a parent and battling with my mental health. Without the constant support and help that I received, I would have never made it to graduation.

I now have my own apartment, my own car and live on my own in Pennsylvania.

I am truly happy.

None of this would have ever been possible without the loving and caring professionals who work at the SRA. They changed my life forever and I couldn't be where I am today without this program.

~ Deanna, class of 2013.







Future Goals

- ★ AP Courses
- ★ Higher level courses
- ★ Expanded course offerings
- ★ Internships or Service Learning







Thank You!

ANY QUESTIONS?

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