

Portrait of a Graduate



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8th Grade, GSL

Being raised in a hospitality family had everything to do with my ultimate career. Huey's was always a part of who we are, but more importantly, the lifestyle we lived was much more hospitality than restaurants – the outside events, giving back to the community, and helping ensure others had a good time and were taken care of. I enjoyed watching the smiles on people's faces as we fed them at events. I enjoyed the staff members of nonprofits telling us how much of an impact we made in their world. That is what drew me back into the hospitality industry. I also happen to enjoy flipping burgers, so that helps!

The lessons learned at GSL that stick out as impactful in my life are those that helped me learn who I wanted to be as a person. Being part of a community with an emphasis on inclusivity, and seeing the importance placed on community work and giving back, and the lessons we learned about a person's core values had such a significant impact on me. Those are memories I still think back on to this day.

Class trips helped with my transition to high school and adulthood in learning how to branch out and get out of my comfort zone. Ms. Reddick's theater classes and performing in a play provided one of the first chances for me to see who I really am. And the way Mr. Beazley listened and gave advice to me as an eighth grade boy was invaluable.

I would tell GSL students today to choose a career for who you are and what you want to do. Don't choose one for who you think someone else wants you to be, and certainly don't choose one for money or lifestyle. The older you get and the more you develop your own family and ways, the less important anything like that becomes.



Alex Boggs mentored GSL's J.W. Curry '23 at Huey's during this year's 8th Grade Internship Project.

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