

Dear Mr Culbertson,

For a writing assignment in AVID class, we had to choose a teacher and write a personal thank you letter, and of course, I decided to choose you. I was super glad that I had you as my 8th grade history teacher. The reason I chose you to write a personal thank you letter was because, history was my least favorite class in enjoyed out of all of them. I didn't like history because the past teachers were either really rude or real lame teaching. Once I entered in your class I felt positive vibes. I know first I was not as respectful as I should be and that was because it thought it was going to be stuck in a lame class again. But you showed me so much about history that I was encourage to learn more about it. I loved your personality in the way you explained us as students with real strong courage. I love the passion that you have in teaching history, and you showed us that. As a student I have experience your passion, not only teaching, but also fighting for everyone's rights. I always thought politics and following laws were just nonsense, but little did I know the rules are there for something and I thank you for making me believe that. I appreciate you making history the funnest class I ever taken!

I never knew pictures or paintings were going to give us something to investigate, like "Watson and The Shark" that painting was mind blowing! I never knew that a painting so simple can have such a big significance. I learned so much like how we have to be philosopher kings and respect everyone around us and our planet. I learned so much in your class and I can't wait for more in high school, even if it's not the same without you teaching, but i know that history is super interesting in many ways.

This summer I will be spending my summer in summer school here in Sierra Vista High School. I will be taking health and computer classes for a month. After that I will go to Utah and Las Vegas with my family and cousins, and uncles. I will also be going to a color guard camp now that I have been accepted in the colorguard team in SVHS. Then for July I will be spending the rest of my summer vacation in a junior lifeguard camp, with my best friend Abby. And of course I will be spending time with my friends from my old school and from this school too. Hopefully I get to see you again, and once again thank you for all the wonderful things I learned in your class, I appreciate everything.

Sincerely,

Jade. S. Oscco



Extra Credit / Persona Thoughts

TO: Mr. Culbertson;

First off, you're probably one of the best teachers I've had, & no this isn't one of those kiss-a-- kind of letters, in fact you probably gonna be one of main reasons that I want to continue my education.

Anyways, I just wanted to explain ^{THE SITUATION BETWEEN} Julio and I ~~the situation~~. Yeah, I'm sure you've figured out that we're a bunch of little pot heads, oh well, we care about our education and you seem to be the only teacher to allow us to express our thoughts and then expect them as personal opinions.

Thank you, you really allow us to enjoy learning which is a very drastic change, especially at a school like Gabrielino where our personal freedom is drained from us daily. You've had a very big impact on me personally. Like I said, Thanks.

Anyways, I just wanted to throw a couple of opinions your way. For example our school? & Personally I don't understand how some one with your charisma could be teaching at our sick school? But I don't understand how we've been given the money to construct a better school? It's so incredibly beyond me, I mean I couldn't understand how a school as crappy as ours could keep striving like ours. The majority of our campus is constructed of cardboard and staples. If one of the dry erase boards fell, one entire row of Bungalows would tip and be

stacks of nothing is seconds. Another thing about this school is its hypocritical nature. I mean I can tell you from personal encounters, actual video footage I have, and many a drunk story about the 75% of the senior class that party and uses drugs very often. I mean everyone, all the jocks, I've seen the cheerleaders puke, blaze; everyone that has a decent reputation at that school party. But none of them get picked on, why is that? Is it because without these people the school wouldn't have the reputation it does? Hmm, I wonder? #Don't you love the way things work?#

I mean our school really doesn't have that much to offer. Why does everyone think so highly of it?

The End;

Elaine "Y*" Hansen

P.S. Sorry if this letter wasted your time, but after a nerve wrecking day at school theres a bunch of sh-t on your mind. I mean, Its depressing to have to deal with a school like ours. We totally miss out on getting to experience "High School." Sometimes it seems like a concentration camp. Once again Thanks! "

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January 14, 1996

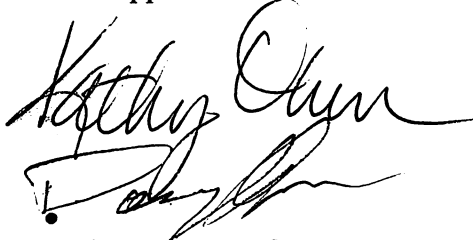
Dear Mr. Culbertson,

While going through a back-log of papers on my desk I found your wonderful letter, sent back in November (am I embarrassed)! Please allow me to respond to it now, late though it is.

When your letter first arrived home with Chris, her dad and I were really pleased to know that she was doing so well in your class. But more than this we were delighted to see that Chris had something so valuable (and unfortunately, rather rare) as a teacher with enthusiasm and a validating spirit. As parents, our children's curiosity and drive to understand the world is an awe-inspiring dynamic. It too often becomes dull-ed, even quashed, by schooling. It is heartening to find true help in the undertaking of educating our children.

We (my husband and I) have both observed Chris' enthusiasm for your class, so we'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for being so positive and caring with your students, and we hope you will continue to do just what you're doing!

With appreciation,

The block contains two handwritten signatures. The top signature is in cursive and appears to read 'Kathy Owen'. The bottom signature is also in cursive and appears to read 'Doug Owen'. Both signatures are written in dark ink.

Kathy and Doug Owen

Date 11-8-95

Dear Parent,

Your child did follow the classroom rules today and everyday for the entire time they have been in class. The reward of not breaking the class rules is that I will send a great recommendation note home. I hope that you will talk with your child, have dinner together or spend some special time with them for being a great student in my classroom; and a major ray of **sunshine**. I would deeply appreciate you applauding and commending your son or daughter. We all hope that this type of attitude can always be in our classrooms and should be prized and cherish^{ed} at home. Thank you for your help in this matter.

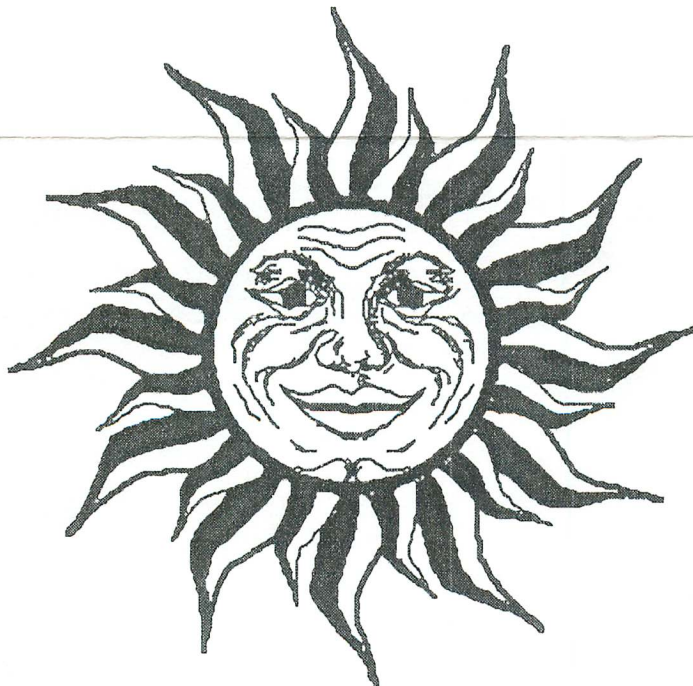
Sincerely,

Torey Culbertson

Mr. Torey Culbertson

Please sign this letter as an acknowledgment of your child's participation and have your child return this letter or if you want make a copy and post it on your refrigerator door. Thank you for your time and attention.

Signature _____



November 16, 2021

Dear Mr. Culbertson,

I have to admit, I didn't think history was all that important. Now I'm starting to understand why it's so important to learn. Unfortunately, it seems our class doesn't care about what's going on. It's a shame, because I and several others take history seriously. History isn't so boring after all. (thanks)

Sincerely,
Grant Lam

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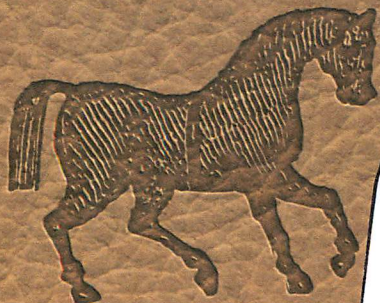
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Dear Mr. Culbertson,

Thank you for teaching me about American history and the world around us. Your class will always be remembered as fun, educational, and interesting; especially Kahoot. I thank you for taking the time to teach us

and to make it important to understand what you taught us.

Sincerely,

Evan Anthony

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Mr. Culbertson

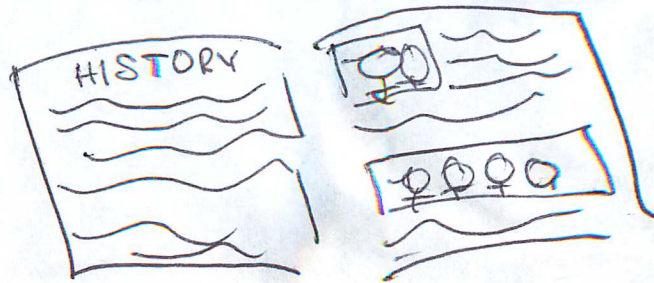


Dear Mr. Culbertson,

This was amazing with you. You have taught the class so much and you always know how to answer. I admire you for such knowledge being remembered and how intelligent you are. Thank you for teaching us what we needed to know. Your notebooks can be overwhelming but it was definitely worth it. Thank you for getting us prepared. You are such a nice and patient teacher. Also you make the class more fun when everyone is bored. YOU ARE AWESOME! You will be missed and I hope I'll see you in the future. Thank you for everything! I hope you have a marvelous and safe

summer! May the best comes to you and your family.

— From Your Student,
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YOU'RE AN AMAZING
HISTORY TEACHER!

thank
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Thank
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May 11, 2016

Dear Mr. Culbertson,

For many reasons I liked your class. For example, I liked your class because we always watch CNN. When I have a bad day, sometimes with your jokes you made me laugh and you were not that strict like some of my teachers. You cheer your students up and help us when we don't understand an assignment. I was glad to be your classroom even though I didn't show it. I hope you have an awesome summer and I will probably see you in 9th grade if I can.

Sincerely,

Brian Palomino

May 11, 2016

Dear Mr. Culbertson

There are a lot of reasons why I like your class. You are so cool and funny. I like how you teach us. First you let us watch CNN and then take history notes. Sometimes you just let us to work on something. I still remember when I came to your class the first time, you gave me a lot of things in Chinese to help me out. Anyway, I like your class very much, and thank you for HELPING!!

Sincerely,

Your student

Xingguang Lu

May 9, 2016

Dear Mr. Culbertson,

I am glad you were my teacher for 7th and 8th grade because I learned that following the social contract would get me out of trouble. For example, I learned that cutting in line, using bad languages and drugs, and misbehavior in class are not acceptable. Thank you for telling me and other students to follow the social contract. I am thankful for your kindness, respect, trustworthiness, and politeness.

Your Student,

Christian Tomasini

What I've learned at North Park

This year I've been really focused on my studies, so I've learned a couple of things. In all my classes I have manage to remember something. That means it's stuck to my brain because I've learned it. In all my subjects I learned something new. Starting in my fist period which is computers, I got better at typing and using Microsoft programs so far. In U.s History I pay a lot attention, maybe because it really interests me, and I have really improved in my math knowledge.

I thought that computer was going to be hard. Mainly because I wasn't that real good at typing, you can say I typed slower than a turtle walks. Once I improved in typing with micro-type mostly everything else came easy. I also learned how to use the new Microsoft programs. They look really complicating but their really not, it's like the old one but better. Mr. Ferrill makes this class easy to understand and to get credits.

I have come to learn that history may be my favorite subject. I really am all ears in that class. History is really interesting, for example a lot of the pass has to do with a lot going on today. Having to do with wars, crops, making buildings, the law ect. I thought it was really interesting knowing how this country the United States it industrialized. This country was made mainly by and from immigrants and I do not know why today it's such a contradicting subject. Mr. Culbertson and Mr. Stipe help me understand this subject better.

Math was one of those subjects that I thought I was never in my life going to pass. This year I've proved that wrong, because know I'm pretty good at it. Mr. Varellas and Mr. Dickson help me understand it very well. I learned how to do foil, factoring, pathagoreum theory. I have come to understand algebra and a little bit of geometry as well. Not only that but I also passed my math chasse, which was a really big thing for me.

Well I think north park had a lot to do with helping me be a better student. I have learned many new things this year, and I know I'm going to get better in

Nancy Ruiz

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more subjects this year. Computers, U.s history, and algebra have been fun. I think it's because I have gotten really good in those subjects. Well these are three things I've learned at North Park High School.

Melvin C. Pineda

There are many things I have learned in North Park. Although some classes are not helpful at all, some teachers do not teach but most do. I have learned different things from many classes including: Mr. Kenney's class for Statistics, Mr. Stipe's class for U.S. history, and Mr. Culbertson's class for Geography. All these classes were interesting and educational I learned a lot from all these teachers.

Mr. Kinney was a really good teacher he taught us everything we needed to know about statistics. His final assignment was really helpful. Everyone has to make either a poster or do a two page essay, I chose the poster (most students obviously choose the poster). My poster was about how to find the median, because of the poster ill probably remember how to find the median for the rest of my life.

Mr. Stipe's class was also really educational and fun. Mostly everyday we will do the same thing. We would copy down notes almost everyday another thing we would do is work out of the books and we would also watch films. On the days we would copy down notes he would read it then will right down the answers then tell him the answers. He used this method so it will stick to us and it worked.

Mr. Culbertson breaks down the things his teaching us about. He always makes sure everyone understands the lecture before he moves on. Mr. Culbertson's is a great teacher because he tries to make his fun interesting. We sometimes watch films and he

doesn't show the boring ones where they talk and talk and talk, he shows us interesting films. The last one we saw was about where human life began.

In conclusion all these classes were fun, interesting, and educational. All these teachers have different techniques but there are all good. I learned a lot from these three classes, I am still in Mr. Culbertson's class but I've passed both Mr. Stipe's and Mr. Kenney's class. I hope in the future I get more teachers like the ones I just talked about because I learned a lot from them and more teachers like that could really help society.

Andrew Antuna

Since, I have been at North Park High School I have learned a lot. I've taken various classes at this School. So many classes have taught me so much; I've learned math, English, and other core classes. I really have learned quite a lot at this new high school. So let me begin on all the things I have learned coming to this school.

To begin with, the first class I ever passed was geography. My teacher was Mr. Culbertson; he was a really great teacher who taught me a lot. I learned various things as in landscaping and longitude things. So many things I learned in that class will help me in my future. It was a great class, I learned a lot and I hope I get him in the future.

Another, class that I took at this school was Algebra 1. My teacher was Mr. Peters; I took two parts of algebra 1 with him. It was a fun experience that I will never forget; I passed them both by testing out. I learned a lot and I hope to use math in my future carrier. This was such a great class I met a lot of friends.

Also, one of my most favorite classes has to be English 11. The teacher was Mr. Fernandez; he was my all time favorite teacher. He was so cool and down to earth; he wasn't like all those suited adults. He is a respectable adult, but one who remembers how it was to be a teenager. He is really understanding and a really great teacher. He always helps me out in my personal life; he has great answers to them all. This is why English 11 is my favorite class.

As you can see, North Park High School has been a great expiry for me. I learned a lot, and met a lot of great teachers and friends. I would never change coming here; it showed me what kind of student I can be at a regular high school. I will never forget everything I learned and all the friends I met. This has been a great experience for me and my life. I hope you enjoyed it all.

Three Things I've Learned at North Park

I've been at North Park for five months already and I've learned many new things here. One thing that I have learned that I didn't know anything about before I came here was auto mechanics in Mr. Edwards class. I learned how to write an excellent essay in Mrs. Armstrong's class. I also learned a lot about history in Mr. Culbertson's class that I did not know about.

First of all, I had no clue about cars when I first came to North Park but it all changed once I came to Mr. Edwards class. Since I've been in auto shop I have learned about how to change tires, check and change brake pads, and many more things about the basic function of a car. All that I have learned in that class will become useful once I buy my own car, that way I'll be able to save a lot of money from having a mechanic fix my car. That is just one of the most important things that I have learned here at North Park.

Second of all, I wasn't very good at writing essays when I came to North Park, but in Armstrong's class I learned a lot about how to write an essay. She showed the steps to write a good essay. Ms. Armstrong also taught me more about grammar, by doing the grammar books in her class. So far I have had a good experience in Ms. Armstrong's class, and most of what I learned will help me in the future.

Third of all, I have always been real bad in history, but this year I have been doing well in my history classes. I don't know exactly why, but if I had to guess I think it's because of Mr. Culbertson and the way he teaches his class. Mr. Culbertson makes learning history fun by the way he teaches his class. He might seem a little crazy sometimes but that's just him and that's what makes the class fun. "Go, go gadget!"

In conclusion, I have learned many new things at North Park High School. I learned how to fix my own car in Mr. Edwards auto shop class. I learned how to make writing an essay easier with Ms. Armstrong. Also Mr. Culbertson has made learning history a great experience with his crazy personality but great facts. . So far North Park has been a great experience even though I miss my home school I still wouldn't change this experience for nothing.

Denna Aragon
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What I have learned
In North Park!

I have been coming to North Park for about three months now. What I am going to talk about is what I learned at North Park. I am going to tell you what I learned in three of my classes so far. The classes I am going to talk about are Mr. Ferrell's class which is computers, Mrs. Armstrong's class which is English, and Mr. Culbertson's class which is geography. I am going to tell you what I learned so far and what I like about the class.

In my Mr. Ferrell's class which is computers I learned how to use excel and how to put information in it. I also learned how to type faster without looking. What I like in this class is that I get the chance to use computers and talk to my friends and still work. I think this class is a really good class to learn how to do essays and other stuff because if you think about it its what we are going to be using in the future so I think this class is worth taking to learn this future machine.

In my Mrs. Armstrong's class which is English I have learned a lot. I learned how to write a research paper and how to cite my sources for my senior project. In this class I like how all we do is work on our senior project. This gives me a chance to finish most of it in class and do the rest at home. This class is helping a lot for my future because when I take collage courses I will be getting big research papers and this helps me learn how to write big papers like that.

In my Geography class my teacher Mr. Culbertson is a very good teacher. He shows us videos about the world and about different animals that live on our earth. This class really affects me because it interests me to learn about different parts of the world. I want to see the world so that is why I like this class a lot. I've learned about deserts and different tundra's in the world. There is this desert that I like a lot because it snows over there and that trips me out.

In conclusion what I talked about in this essay is what I learned in North Park high school. The three classes I talked about are Geography, Computers, and English. These classes really affected me because I learned

a lot of things. I learned how to write a research paper, different deserts, and how to put information in computers. That is what I learned in North Park High School.

A lot of students come to north park continuation because of the there missing credits and because they had t o much missed days and want to make some up. I decided to write about how this school has helped me and how much I learned from the teacher in this school. I have learned about history and how the war started and how many people have died in the wars. I have also learned a lot about math and that's something that I have been having problems in the past. Last but not least I have learned about life and how some people have it hard while others have it easy.

To begin with how I learned about history was in Mr. Stipe's class, he taught me about how the cold war started and how thousands of people died for there country and how they had to give up so much from their everyday life. He also taught me about how immigrants from around the world wanted to come to the United States to make a better them and give their children a better life, the immigrants had to go through months in the ocean with a lot of other people in the same boat. A lot of people could take it and got sick and passed away. When the immigrants got to the United States they had to go through several check points and if they had any types of lies or sicknesses they had to go back to their country.

Secondly I have learned about math and that's something that I have always had problem with understanding, the teacher's that helped me understand this was Mr. Kenny and Mr. Peters. Mr. Kenny helped me understand how the steps worked and took his time to teach me a problem. Mr. Peters also did the same for me and because of both of them I can know graduate because I passed the CASHEE.

Thirdly what I learned in this school was that every person has a different problem and you aren't the only one that has this particular problem. I learned this in Mr. Culbertson's RY class. Mr. Culbertson taught us to respect each other and listen to our problems, because sometimes by doing that it takes the weight off you and others help you with a situation.

Jonathan meza

THREE THING I LIKE ABOUT NORTH PARK

The teachers at North Park High School understand a lot of stuff and explain the theme or subject step by step in order for the student's can understand. Some of the teachers at north park teach differently than other teachers at north park. Even though school could be boring you still learn something when you enter a class you like. As for me school is a good way to get down my facts; the facts that I learn at school I use them to start a conversation and that's a good way to make friends I may sound silly but it's true. Knowing the fact that the teachers that I have at North Park High School have learned so many thing that I'm able to use when I'm outside of school campus. One of my favorite teachers is Mr. Culbertson and the way he teaches is good because he explains thing even if you don't understand what his point of perspective is he won't give up like other teachers. Not that many teachers focus on the students but here at North Park High School the teachers do pay attention to you and are there for you when needed even when there busy teachers will find a way to get out of there busy life to help you.

Mr. Culbertson is the type of teacher that is willing to take time out off his life even though he has a busy life and also knowing that his son is sick he still teaches. Culbertson let you know about what happening around the world and fills us in on the real history of America and not that many teachers do that because what ever is on the book that's what us the student's learn and Mr. Culbertson way of teaching is good. I learned that the economy is going on a down fall, we might go into another depression and I learned that my self but Mr. Culbertson motivated me to go seek for knowledge and that's good no teachers has gotten me into doing that in a while. That could be the reason why I like the way he teaches and just by me wanting to learn more about our history and how history repeats it's self I could try to make a change in the future because all it takes is one person to make a movement or change in history for example JFK made a difference in history but before he could of actually change America he was shot and great man like that doesn't deserve to die I guess what I'm trying to say is that our country runs and rules with evil And I learned that by actually thinking outside the box.

I also learned how to type up a resume, and how to present with out being nervous to talk in front of the board judges. North Park High School pretty much prepared me for the outside world but for the most I learned that life isn't easy and taking responsibilities for you're own actions is a big step and not that many young adults notice that. To me North Park is a good high school and the outcome of being here can help you out in the future you just have to pay attention to the teacher and what he or she says and that not all adults are smart or know everything I guess what I'm trying to say is if you can't find the answer to you're question and a teacher doesn't know the answer then you have to seek for it you're self. School could be fun sometime you just have to put some effort to it and those teacher's have to make the class fun in order to make the students want to learn.

The councilors here at North Park have pretty much everything covered and the councilor talk to every student.

What I've learned at North Park

I have learned many things here at North Park HS. I have learned how to use Microsoft word a lot better in Mr. Ferrill's class. I have learned how to write a good essay in Armstrong's class. I have also learned a lot about the geography of the earth in Mr. Culbertson's class.

First of all, I have learned many new things about Microsoft word in Mr. Ferrill's class. In Mr. Ferrill's class I learned how to insert clip art and how to put the picture in the middle of the words. I learned how to fill out a job application and how to write a memo on Microsoft word. I also learned how to use Microsoft access on Microsoft office. I learned many new things in Mr. Ferrill's class that will become useful in the future, for either college or my career.

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Carlos Castillo
10/10/08

Things I learned

Well I have learned many things since being at North Park, there is one specific class though. Economics, I learned plenty of things I have been learning how our economic system works, and how it's messing up a lot right now. Also I am learning about the democratic and republican parties work. Right now I am seeing that McCain is running for president but the plan that he has to bring our economy back to me it seems like its going fail, his plan is to give that 17 billion to the high class of united states and they are supposed to look for jobs and pay the middle and lower class, but if u become so wealthy one is never going want to lose all that money, and Obama's plan is to give that cut to any one who makes less than \$250,000 a year that cut and tax ten percent from anyone who makes more than \$250,000, and that is a real plan that will help our economy right now that how we get it started again. To me Mr. Culbertson is a real good teacher because I took economics last year, and damn I didn't understand nothing all I would understand would be like about the money and stuff but now with Mr. Culbertson I do understand most of the things like scarcity if there is too much of one product and not enough of the other then the economy could mess up like that. Another super good teacher that is really cool because he like the cowboys even though they beat the eagles but it's cool because we'll have our rematch, and that s going be a sick ass game. But in your class I have learned a couple things like one of them is how to insert a clip art in to Microsoft word, also I have learned how to use Microsoft access witch is pretty dope because I can use that for when I have a business and that would make it so much easier for me to keep a track of things. Another thing that I have learned in Mr. Ferril's is how to make a map from my house all the way to north park, and before I didn't no that u can even make lines like that on Microsoft word, he even teached me how to make a dope looking name in balloons that said North Park, and that looked pretty cool, so no if like I am at work at a business or something and they need like a poster with the companies name I can do it like nothing thanks Mr. Ferril.

Jackiee monroy
October 13 2008

Things I learned

Well I have learned many things since being at north park; there is one subject that interests me the most. Its world history with Mr. Culbertson. From being in his class last year and this year I have learned about the bush's war and what's going on in the world. Why things have happened. Like many people don't care for what is going on. They just know about the events that are going on they really don't focus on the truth. Why did we go to war? What really happen on September 11? Why was all the footage taken by the F.B.I and the government? Nobody sits down and investigates this and the few of us that know cant make a difference. If I wouldn't have came to north park I wouldn't have been interested in none of this I wouldn't even know about this. Teachers here do help us out here.

The Benefit North Park Has Brought Me

North Park's great staff has helped me learn and achieve many things and I hope to accomplish many more I'm becoming more dedicated in doing my work, and I feel much more confident that I'll make it here, that I'll make my mom proud to after all my mistakes I won't let her down. North Park has giving the opportunity to go on forward and have the chances to graduate.

This is my first year In North Park and I have got to say that I feel comfortable with my classes. I first started with four classes, because in this school before I get full day I must prove that I've earned it, therefore I have to come to school for 15 days without any tardies or absences. My first four are computers Mr. Ferril, Earth Science Mr. Dixon, Ms Bickley and Ms Maples. These classes helped me a lot, although I hate the fact that some students take advantage of some of the teachers' kindness and they act really stupid. Anyway, I did my work I didn't lose time and about two weeks ago I got my credits. Now I have full day, but I'm afraid that I'm going to get kicked out because of my lateness.

The other half of my day I have my next four classes, which are 5th period is US government with Mr. Dixon, 6th Art II with Ms. Bickley, 7th English with Ms. Armstrong, and 8th world history with Mr. Culbertson. At first I'd hate the idea of having full day because I had gotten use to having half a day, but now that I've been in full day I'm getting use to it and I like it. Although I have to wake up earlier everyday, because the attendance office ladies told I could get kicked out of full day if I keep coming late. That's a risk I cannot take so if it means that I have to do my make up on my way to school then that's what I'll do.

Other than that my classes I really helpful in Art I get to draw and paint, for me doing that doesn't really feel like I'm doing work it feels like I'm having another break. I enjoy my world history class because I get to learn things that I forgot about in the past, plus Mr. Culbertson is very enthusiastic about history and it makes me be interested in it too. I like all my classes.

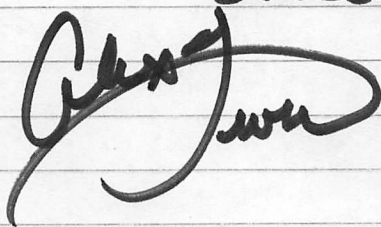
Overall North Park helped me, because I love my classes I like my teachers and I earn my credits the only way I can, doing my work and

respecting my teachers, and I could say this because I hardly talk in my classes.

Dear Mr. Culbertson (a.k.a. THE HULK!)

Thank you for everything you have taught us. We truly appreciate being able to have the pleasure to have you as our wonderful teacher. We wish you the best of luck with your P.H.D and all of your future endeavors. We truly value being taught to be exceptional Americans. It is a shame that our school did not ~~hire~~ hire such an intelligent teacher such as yourself. But hey, it's our loss. Take care and hopefully our paths will meet again.

Sincerely,



& Cord Greene
(Alex Two & Cord Greene)

WE LOVE YOU CULBY!

P.S. - thank you wife again for Dave

Dearest Coach,

Tears of sadness fill my eyes when the thought of you leaving us runs through my mind. Forgive me for writing this letter, but I think this is the only way I can express myself without breaking down in front of you. Coach, when you first came out to coach us, we were all so excited and enthusiastic because we knew that not only you were a terrific Coach, but you also knew how to play the sport. We all thought, "Hey, we actually have a chance." From day one and to this day, the rest of the team and I have looked up to you, and looked up to everything that you have done. I can not begin to tell you how much you inspired me both as a player, but more importantly as a person. Every game that I played, I played for a team as well as a Coach. You created me, and I have you to thank for being what I am today. And on Tuesday's game, I had nothing to play for. I'll let you know that if you do not Coach us, I can not play. I have nothing to play for now, except for Anashek. I know that may seem shallow of me, but it's the truth. I know that you don't expect this from me, but I have no other choice.

Need I remind you of the entire Ara situation. Honestly Coach, if it wasn't for you I would still be stressing over it. You were the one who opened up my eyes, and you helped me realize that I deserve better. You knew that I considered Ara my best friend, and when I lost the friendship with him, I knew that I had you to turn to. Coach, after I lost my friendship with Ara, I considered you my best friend because I told you and I still tell you everything that goes on in my life. This season I lost a best friend, and there is no way that I am going to lose a Coach. I will not allow it, and I will do everything in my power to make you stay as a Coach.

I know you don't want to hear this, but Coach, please reconsider. You may think that you're helping people, but you're actually hurting more people than helping. You were the one who taught us not to give up, so I'm begging you, don't give up. I know you're tired of us, but please Coach, give us another chance. It may seem as though no one respects you, but I can honestly tell you, every guy on the team is in shock about the rumors that they have been hearing, because they know that Culbertson is not a quitter. I know this letter is not long enough to bring out all of the good that you have done for us, but please Coach, think about it.

If you do decide to leave, than I want to thank you for everything that you have done for me and for the all of us. I do realize that your decision is the right one, because if I were in your position, I would do the same. I do understand that it's a stressful job, but always keep in mind that you were and always will be my inspiration, and that I will never forget you.

With respect,

Your Goalie, Sally Belderian

Dear Mr. Culbertson,

I can't thank you enough for everything you have done for me. I honestly have to say that I look up to you in so many aspects. Before entering your class this year I had absolutely no knowledge of what was going on in the real world. With your unique style of teaching, which I wish would be more common, you brought the real world to my face. Due to your wise words I have many times made better decisions just because I thought of the words you said. Everything you have taught me about the world and life has engraved itself in my mind, and will continue to help guide me through my future.

Regarding the relationship I am currently in, without your advice and opinions I don't know what kind of decisions I would have made. I did some bad things and some good things, yet through all the confusion I ended up learning things that I needed to learn, but would have never happened if it weren't for you. My girlfriend and I went through a huge mess in the beginning, but through that process we both learned a lot and now we are both very happy together. Also, her ex-boyfriend has been completely out of the picture for some time now, which has allowed our relationship to grow stronger. I can't thank you enough for telling me to get her tested because that was something that never even entered my mind, yet once you told me about it, I realized how significant it was to have it done. Although the testing has been done and everything is clear I still am not rushing into things. I told you about the way in which my girlfriend tries to express herself, but I was very pleased to see that she is able to compromise with the way I feel. Although it's very early, I truly feel like I have found someone that I want to spend the rest of my life with, but I see the whole college issue having some kind of effect in the future. We both feel like we can hold on to each other, but I can't say I feel neither optimistic nor pessimistic. I know whatever happens I won't break down, but keep my head up high and move on with the future. With your guidance you helped me work out one of the most difficult situations of my life and I can't think of anyone else that could have helped me the way you did. I am now such a stronger person. I am no longer confused when thinking, but now I can make rational decisions without any confusion. Although you may have not known it, your advice eased my pain in so many ways. I know that I will be able to deal with the decisions I will have to make in the future regarding the relationship I have, because you helped me see this real aspect of life, that at first, I wasn't prepared for. Thanks once again.

Your constant help and dedication has inspired me to be the best person I can be. I used to yell and lash out at people, but now I work things out patiently, and made so many more compromises because of it. Before you leave Mr. Culbertson I just wanted to honestly say that you are the best teacher I have ever had and probably will ever have. I will end up playing some role in my government in the future, because everything you have taught me has shown that I can make a difference, just like you have. You have left an impression on me that will never fade away, but only grow stronger. I will never forget you and everything you have taught me. I'll keep in touch with you through email.

P.S. Here's something I'm sure you'll remember me by.

Thank you,



Eric Hoenigmann

Dearest Mr. Culbertson,

6/15/2001

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for being such a great teacher, person, and more importantly friend. I know I am definitely not alone when I say that you are the best teacher I have ever had. You have opened up my eyes to a world that would have eaten me up if you had not opened them. I wish there was something we could do to help you out for next year. You have so much power and knowledge that they want to get rid of you before your wisdom is spread. Before teachers and kids think for themselves for once. "What you say to me now shall forever be imprinted on the canvas of my soul," and many others I will never forget you and all the things you have taught me. Maybe I haven't learned much about the government or the way it works, but I have learned more about life and people. This is far more important. Good Luck with everything. I'll miss you!!



Always,

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Adam Culbertson
p. 5.

June 13, 2001

Dear Mr. Culbertson,

Thank you very much
for everything you have taught
me. If it wasn't for you I
don't know how I would have
handled situations. I can honestly
say that I have learned the
most from your class than
any other class I have taken.
I think it's due all to the
method of teaching you use. Thanks
for all the advice, the understanding,
and all the fun times shared
in class. I wish you well in
what ever you do. Good-luck in
life.

Sincerely,
Adam Culbertson

Dear Mr. Culbertson

I would first start off by saying "Thank You". You are the only person that has made a difference to so many people. I understand you will not be here next year and neither will I so it benefits us all. You have had a great impact on me because you were a person that didn't lie to me or the class. I hope when you leave you take a piece of all us with you.

I have so much to say but I have limited time. Thank You for all your dedication.

Stephanie Gonzalez

6.12.01

Mr. Culbertson,

Hello. I am writing this letter because you are the teacher who has had an effect on me. Let me start off by saying that you are a very talented teacher. You found ways to make me enjoy Economics... what more can I ask for? of course, as outside factors started affecting you, it also started affecting your students. I know your stay at Gabrielino has been cut short by an administration that is supposed to support you. It didn't. Either way, let me assure you that your student appreciated all of the things that have enlightened us as students and adults.

There was a downside to your class. You gave up, Mr. C. As a student that had you as their 1st period class, I used to look forward to your class. However, recently, things have changed. It seemed like the thing you said every single day to start class was, "I don't want to be here." How is it that I am supposed to have a positive attitude if you don't? That's not fair. This played a big role in the way I view you now. You're so moody. But, as I mentioned before, you are a great teacher. I have ~~never~~ learned as much in any class as I have in yours. You just need to go back to the passion you had the first semester Mr. Culbertson. So, thank you for being sarcastic, fun and most of all truthful. I will never forget your class. I hope you find a school that appreciates what you do for your students. Good Luck!

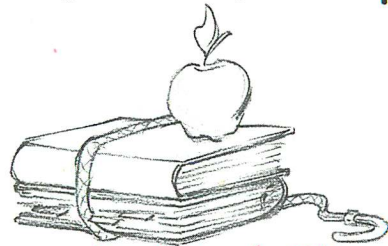
Sincerely,
Betty *hi*
-class of 2001

DEAR MR. CULBERTSON,

I can't begin to thank you enough for opening my eyes to reality and treating me as a human. You've altered my perceptions of history, and I now view the subject with great enthusiasm and a hunger to learn. You have not only been a mentor, but also an inspiration. There are kids who admire basketball stars, and singers, but I admire your work and dedication most of all. My only regret is that not all students get to experience history through your teaching.

I just want to thank you for all you have been. Although, I personally don't have e-mail (soon though!) I will keep in touch through Alina.

In my book,
You're the best!



Wishing you all of the best and
May the new chapter of your life
with your fiancée / wife, be a
healthy, wealthy, but most of all,
a happy one.

Congratulations!

Always,

Nooneh Gasparian

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*I know you'll be busy but please try to write.
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9/1/94

Dear Torey,

Thanks you for your thoughtful letter regarding maintenance of the pool at John Muir High School. I have given a copy to the Superintendent and asked her to follow up on the information and ideas in your letter.

I hope we will see this project off and running (swimming?) soon.

Sincerely,
George Van Alstine



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Torey Culbertson

for

Outstanding Teacher

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E. D. [Signature]

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A. S. B.

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February 25, 1998

Dear Torrey,

Great piece in the Tornado Times.

We all have the power to build a culture that encourages and rewards the kinds of behaviors you describe.

We also have the responsibility to do so - as you so well note.

Thanks for taking the time to write such a compelling article on a timely and important topic.

Jim Brown