

I was a student at Newington Public School from kindergarten to sixth grade. Newington is a unique school, full of opportunities most children don't get the chance to experience. The small school created close knit classrooms, and friendships had the strength of familial bonds. I remember going scuba diving in the YMCA pool with the gym teacher, and planning out a route through the 48 continental states. The most memorable moment at NPS was the trip to Pinkham Notch. I had never been hiking, and the experience of leaving my house to stay up in the mountains was amazing. I still remember the lessons on leadership and environmental conservation. This coupled with the amazing scenery and beautiful waterfalls just added to the experience. At the end of the trip, I felt closer to my friends who I had roomed and hiked with, and the experience was very beneficial.

Newington set me up for success in the rest of my schooling. The small student pool allows for each student to receive the attention they need based on their abilities. I began taking a higher level mathematics in second grade. Since then I have continued to push myself, and completed AP Calculus last year and an independent study in Calculus Three this year. Without the attention and push that I received from Newington, I wouldn't have had this chance to go as far as I have.

After elementary school, I went on to Portsmouth Middle School for seventh and eighth grade, and am soon to complete my high school education at Portsmouth High School. In high school I have gotten the chance to push myself to excel in my academics, while still focusing on family, friends, athletics, and my community. My most enjoyed moments in high school come when I am allowed to push myself to learn. I love problem solving, and I love using my own ideas and working with a team. Physics has become one of my favorite classes, and I continue to thrive in areas of math and science.

I plan to continue my education in college. I want to use my abilities in mathematics and physics in ways that can help people. I plan to major in engineering physics. I would be able to use my skills and creativity to design things that can solve problems. After college I will become a successful engineer. I am an incredibly committed and driven individual, and I know I will succeed.

If chosen to be the Fox Point Road Race NPS alumni of 2015, I would submit a printmaking piece I did in an art class in ninth grade. It is a multicolored dragonfly. I would submit this piece because it is colorful and fun, but also has meaning. The yellow color symbolizes happiness and warmth, and the purple symbolizes creativity and imagination. Dragonflies are also associated with flight, which is symbolic of movement and freedom.