

Alex Taylor

NPS Alumni Award

I am very fortunate to have been a part of the Newington Public School community. The students that have graduated from Newington all share a common, yet distinctive set of experiences that have contributed to the development of their character. I feel that these experiences are not comparable to those of students from other schools. This is because Newington is unique. The small student body allows for a variety of opportunities and advantages that other schools are incapable of offering.

Newington students are privileged with learning in a comfortable and familiar setting in which group interaction is extremely important. I value this aspect of my education at Newington most. Communication among students and teachers is highly valued and always available. Additionally, the students share close bonds with one another, bonds that have led to lasting relationships that continue to grow today.

My most memorable moment at Newington Public School was performing in the graduation play. This yearly celebration is the most anticipated event for many students. By playing the role of Mowgli in "The Jungle Book," I was pushed out of my comfort zone, along with several others. However, the preparation and excitement surrounding this particular play made the end result both meaningful and rewarding.

I am most thankful to my teachers at Newington. From kindergarten to the sixth grade, I received immeasurable attention, care, and answers to the thousands of questions I never stopped asking. Each student's academic experience was individualized by teachers who have shown a personal commitment to make every student successful. These positive qualities exemplify a rare learning environment, one that I am proud to be associated with.

I currently have a strong interest in English, science, and natural/industrial landscape photography. However, I have yet to decide which career path I will pursue. This Fall, I will be attending a four-year college or university. I am eager to transition into a college environment. I want to establish myself at school as a leader who embraces innovative thinking, contributing to the community I become a part of through my studies and social interaction with others. I hope to expand my academic interests by exploring new subjects and studying abroad. I see college as an important opportunity to better understand myself and achieve new goals. My hope is that I will be a happy and productive member of society with a clear set of objectives and the desire to achieve them.