

# DAWSON ALUMNI

WHEN STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM DAWSON, THEY SCATTER ACROSS THE NATION TO ATTEND A VARIETY OF SCHOOLS. WHETHER AT A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL OR A BOARDING SCHOOL, WE FIND OUR ALUMNI ARE SUCCESSFUL WHEREVER THEY GO.

Chloe Spilotro started at Dawson in second grade and continued her studies here through eighth grade. While at Dawson, Chloe participated in choir, drama, cheerleading, volleyball and Student Council. “I was very active, especially in Middle School,” notes Chloe. “I just loved being involved in many activities and getting to know people,” she adds.

After graduating from Dawson, Chloe began high school at The Meadows School, where she is currently a freshman. Chloe brought her enthusiasm for involvement along with her to The Meadows. She continues to take part in many after-school and extracurricular activities. She tried her hand at technical sound and lighting for the school’s first play in the fall. “It was really fun, and something different that I had never tried before.”

Chloe is also a member of the cheerleading team at The Meadows, where she is looking forward to participating in the State Competition this year. While she enjoys all of the activities at The Meadows, she admits the debate team is where her heart is. “I absolutely love debate, and it is a huge part of my life right now,” Chloe explains. “I am the only novice, or first-year debater, to win more than one tournament in a year,” she adds with a humble smile.

Not only does Chloe participate in athletic and extracurricular activities, she also balances a heavy load of honors classes, while maintaining her status on the Honor Roll in only her first semester of high school.

“The academics are tough. The Meadows’ philosophy is ‘teaching to the top,’” admits Chloe, “but I have been able to handle the rigorous studies thanks to Dawson,” she says.

“There are a handful of us who came from Dawson, and we are all doing well thanks to the preparation we received at Dawson. In fact, we were extremely well-prepared in many ways,” says Chloe.

Chloe loves The Meadows, but admits there are a few things about Dawson that she really misses. “Dawson sees the potential in everyone, and there are so many creative ways for students to express themselves,” she says. “If I could give the current Dawson students any advice, it would be to cherish it. As cheesy as it sounds, I hope they realize there is no school as open and as wonderful as Dawson,” Chloe adds.

For the eighth graders, Chloe says persistence is the key to success in high school. “Stay on top of your work no matter what. Above all, stick to your morals and values. Dawson has prepared you to know what’s right and wrong, so just stick to what you know and don’t waiver in what you believe,” she says.

As for Chloe, her next steps are still in the planning stages. “I would like to go to college, but I am not sure what I want to study yet. It changes every day,” she adds with a grin. “I would love to go to Pepperdine in California, or UC Berkeley. I guess it all depends on what I decide to do.”

