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SLCSE 2020

My Plans For Next Year

Next year, I am going to be serving a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. I am currently working on my paperwork to submit my application. Once I finish that, I'll be interviewed by local church authorities and then I'll receive my call. The call could take me anywhere in the world, and I will be there for two years. I'm likely to leave in mid July.

Teacher Impact: Mrs. Crim

A teacher that has had an impact on me as a student is Mrs. Crim. Not only is she an amazing math teacher and mentor, but she is a friend to her students. I will never forget going to the Mathcounts meetings after school and never really knowing what we were going to do. We could be playing intense, past paced card games, making origami, or struggling through a tough math problem.

Some of my favorite SLCSE memories come from the camping trips that we have gone on. I love going to Rio Mesa with my classmates to hike, conduct experiments, and sit around the campfire.



Fail Forward

One SLCSE-ism that has really become engrained into my being is fail forward. Without this mindset I do not think that I would be the person that I am. I feel like failing forward ties in a lot with having a growth mindset. When you can think like this, you can really do anything.

One instance where I remember failing forward was during science fair. I had spent hours on my experiment. After compiling my data I remember being so disappointed that it didn't tell the story that I wanted it to. With the help of Mrs. Wickelson, I buckled down and looked at the data from a new angle, and was able to come up with a new story to tell from my project.