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The ASSIST Orientation

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Michelle is one of the finest students I've encountered in 35 years in classrooms. There are simply no skills missing in her study regimen and in her ability to convey her command of European history. What's more, though, is that she is a wonderful young lady. She is kind, considerate, compassionate, and unassuming. The very best thing that I can say that may demonstrate how much I respect her is that I hope our five young granddaughters grow up to be just like her... I wish her nothing but the best as she continues her education in Slovakia.

Sophie, what a joy it was to be your teacher this year! Not only are you articulate, thorough, comprehensive, and analytical, but also funny, approachable, and intellectually curious. In my years of teaching, few students have impressed me as you have. Although you were away from home, missing your routine, family, and friends, and despite the fact that you were working in a foreign language, you excelled in unparalleled ways. I am immensely proud of your work, and I am grateful that as I started my career at PDS, I encountered students like you who strengthened my commitment to teaching.

American Secondary Schools for International Students and Teachers

Our Mission

To promote mutual understanding, cultural interchange and a more peaceful world, ASSIST provides opportunities for outstanding international students to attend the finest American independent secondary schools on one-year scholarships, and for students and teachers from these schools to engage in educational experiences abroad.

We are pleased to share with you a selection of the insights and accomplishments of the ASSIST Class of 2009/10. This was a distinguished group of 121 students from 16 countries. They became important and contributing members of 77 independent school communities across America.

We are indebted to our member schools, who offered scholarships to these young people and made them part of their communities.

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Academic Profile

History of ASSIST Scholarship

A primary reason that member schools invest scholarships in ASSIST students is that they excel in the classroom. With no formal adaptation made for working in a second language, our students enroll in demanding courses and emerge as leaders in the academic program.

For 23 consecutive years, at least 75% of each ASSIST class has earned honors or high honors academic recognition for the year. Others do honors-level work in most of their courses. Over the last decade, the percentage of students achieving honors or high honors recognition has ranged between 85-93%.

Each year, students and schools notify us of special honors that are awarded to ASSIST Scholars. Our students frequently win book prizes, are recognized as the best students in particular disciplines (including English literature and American History), and a number have been named the outstanding overall student in the junior class.



The Class of 2009/10

The ASSIST Class of 2009/10 distinguished itself in many arenas of school life, beginning with its achievements in the classroom. They earned yearlong prizes including the Hoar Prize for American History, the Compton Prize in Language, the Director's Award, the Loranger Prize in Music, and the Faculty Prize (outstanding member of the junior class).

High Honors

During the 2009/10 academic year, **58%** of the class submitted **High Honors** work. Working at America's most demanding schools, they performed at a dazzling level.

Honors

In addition, **33%** of the class submitted work at the **Honors** level. Combined, **91%** of these Scholars were **High Honors or Honors** level students during their American year.

Contributing Beyond the Classroom

In addition to being strong scholars, ASSIST students are selected because of their winning personalities and their ability to make contributions to multiple areas of community life. Each ASSIST student is encouraged to become immersed in the life of the school, and they will make contributions to artistic, athletic, musical, community service or other programs of importance to their schools. ASSIST Scholars are placed in schools that are both good academic fits and that offer opportunities for which the students have special talents.

Reflections and Special Moments

Social and Cultural Reflections

I tried not to expect too much this year, but the concentration of gifts like intelligence, talents, or character among the students here is surprising. As a community they taught me values that became very important to me – values that I never thought about while I was at home.

American students become independent at an early age. Many of my friends have jobs, and they pay for their personal expenses such as gasoline. They are also involved in community service. I'm in a club called Outreach, and our task is to design and find volunteering activities for students in our school. Our club leader, who is only sixteen years old, contacts many community organizations herself to offer help from students in our school.

I think that a big change for me this year is realizing that simple greetings can make a difference when you are talking to someone. If you just say "hi" to someone, they will probably just answer "hi" and pass by. But if you ask "how are you doing these days?" or "how is your project going?" this could be the beginning of a wonderful conversation.

I knew that Americans eat a lot during Thanksgiving, but I did not imagine the dimension of how much they really eat. During the week of the Thanksgiving break, I gained more than five pounds, but I don't regret it at all. I lost that weight in one week of wrestling practice.

Each year, we ask ASSIST students to give thought to their experiences and to complete a questionnaire. While the full benefits and impact of their experiences will be more fully appreciated over time, these students invariably share reflections that are startling and inspiring. We have collected a representation of these wonderful responses for your consideration and enjoyment. The text is unedited, save for length.

Thanksgiving is a really good excuse for Americans to eat even more food than usual without feeling guilty.

Reflections on Personal Growth

My experience in America has been life defining. It has helped me to develop values such as integrity, honor, social awareness, etc.... I have met people who will always hold a place in my heart, friends to whom I feel grateful for having shown me the excellence of friendships in another culture. I have successfully adapted myself to a new situation which requires learning different customs, cultures, ideologies, etc. and I have acquired an experience that I will never forget.

I believe that life is about embracing challenges, discovering the self in the process, and appreciating everything one has in life. Looking back on this journey, it's just amazing how much I have grown and learned here. What experience is better than finding best friends in life, having another two families other than my own, and establishing a growing confidence and ability?

I have been very impressed with my American experience. I feel that I have learned a lot academically, socially, culturally, and about myself. Every day has brought something new to me that I have never thought about or experienced before. I feel that I have really grown as a person. Being put in a situation far from everything I am used to really revealed a lot to me. One thing I have tried to do every day when confront-

ed with a situation has been to walk away having learned something. Usually it is something little, but little things add up, and I think it's all those little experiences that have helped me grow into a better person this year.

My experience in America has provided me with valuable lessons about life, people, and myself. Living with two roommates who are very different from me has taught me to accept and appreciate people who I might have neglected before; dealing with everyday difficulties without my family there to help me has helped me to develop myself as an independent person; and living with the same small group of people every day has shown me how different other lives are and has made me appreciate what I (and they) have.

In my speech to the school I mentioned "What if I'm going to be NOT so nerdy when I go back to China?" I think it might be the case. I still study a lot, but it is because I am interested and I want to learn. But now I realize that some-



times when I'm not in the mood for studying, I can just forget about it and take a nap. It'll make life easier. Life is not all about getting A's. It's also about having fun and enjoying what I do.

I think I have changed in many ways. One way is that I am thinking more globally. I know that I have learned a lot about the world.... I have also learned a lot about the environment and pollution, and ways by which I can be environmentally friendly. Before I came here I thought that there was nothing I could do about this problem. I did not even care about it much. But now I am concerned about what kind of consumer I am, and what my behavior is toward the environment.... I have also learned to understand others who are different from me.

I became more independent this year and better able to organize my affairs. I definitely became more adaptable to my environment and more accepting of opinions from different people. My school year in America has also given me a whole new focus in life, which will now try to pursue wherever I go, and a higher respect for humankind and a greater desire to help people.

My view of myself, of others, and my life have definitely changed this year. I am much more confident and things that appeared very stressful to me before are less so because I know that if I want to, I can handle them. I also noticed that I can have many opportunities in life if I only care. I have already set many goals for my time back home. But I have also learned that it is OK not to achieve all of them, as long as one cares. I am also interested in things now which seemed less interesting to me before – for example museums and classical concerts.

Academic Growth and Challenge

I have found US History to be a very interesting course. It has taught me a lot about the ori-

gins of America and really helps explain why things are as they are today. I feel that it has deepened my understanding of American culture to a new level as I can now appreciate and understand how the differences between our cultures came about, and what choices in the past have caused huge differences today.

My American Studies teachers are definitely the people who have influenced me the most.... They have always given me constructive criticism in the essays I have written and they have made me think deeper about myself, the people around me, and all the issues that affect both my society and my planet. Of course, there were many other teachers and administrators who have helped me, but my American studies teachers are the closest to my heart.

When I walked into my first philosophy class, I felt like an extremely thirsty person who has just been given a glass of cold, clear water. Philosophy developed my skills of thinking deeply and logically about a particular issue and rationally expressing my thoughts. It did not only improve my grades at school, but it also showed me a way of studies I am sure that I want to continue in the future.

There are several factors which make my English class so special for me, one being the people in the class. There I get a chance to interact with bright, friendly, and open minded people and to discuss all sorts of things with them. It is remarkable that there is so much room for class talks, discussions, and for peers to motivate one another while we get to share our opinions and interpretations with others.

The most interesting course I am taking is Psychology because I am learning so much about peoples' behavior which helps me to understand them and myself better. I also consider Economics a most meaningful class. I feel that I

am starting to understand the correlation between economics and politics and how crises are created and how they can be solved.

I just loved my American Studies course. It basically combined the perspective of American History and American literature on the different present and historical issues in America. Roundtables, intense class discussions, hot debates, watching old movies and writing long and intricate essays were all activities in this class that I loved.... It is an utterly amazing class that can take the breath away.

My Journalism class and my Acting Workshop classes taught me how to be more responsible, how to meet deadlines, how to make firm decisions, and never to back down from embarrassing or uncomfortable situations. The classes also helped me to open up my mind a little bit more and made me much more sociable.

American literature has truly stirred my interest and I have enjoyed the variety of novels, essays, narratives, and poems we are discussing and interpreting in class. The numerous literary works have given me a better understanding of America as well as myself. Another course that has proven to be extremely helpful is Public Speaking. Thanks to this class I am constantly improving my eloquence and my English skills. I have also become more comfortable speaking in front of an audience.

My Russian Studies teacher is probably my favorite instructor. His kindness and his interest in my country (which is close to Russia) stimulated me to take a very special interest in this subject. He treats all the pupils like "his own children" and the atmosphere in the class is very familial.

The photography class means a lot to me. From dark room to digital, I learned countless

things from my two teachers and my shooting and printing experiences. I realize how much I love photography and how good I am at it, which convinces me that I should do it in college or even for the rest of my life.

My AP Biology class and the teacher have wakened my interest in the sciences. I have never before had such an amazing teacher who is funny but also teaching at the same time. Due to doing numerous labs in this class, I have now had some kind of practical experience with biology which I will seek to continue. My Pre Calculus teacher has also been inspiring as she (as all teachers) is always there to chat with you and to talk through not only mathematical stuff.

My US History teacher inspired me through his unparalleled sense of passion. He is a very smart man who truly invests himself in every class he teaches. He doesn't just give you the material to learn; he makes you really scrutinize ideas and make links which are not clear to the eye. He will tell you a lot but also leave a lot for you to discover yourself with the right encouragement. I have always been impressed with how well thought out his lessons are and how he has always thought of every detail to help you. He is a teacher who has definitely inspired me.

Extracurricular Activities

The activity I am taking right now is the Outdoor Program, something I would recommend to every ASSIST student coming to the USA. It offers a fantastic opportunity to do things one may not have done before. That was my case when we started to do hiking, mountain biking, repelling, ice climbing, canoeing, tying knots, building a shed, mountain boarding, and the like. To sum up, it gives me a better understanding of where exactly I am, what is surrounding me, and how beautiful this place is.

During the fall semester I played football for the first time. It was both very challenging and fun. I had some injuries during the season as I played on the line, most of the time as guard. Due to my style of play, my coach gave me the nickname "Swedish assassin", which sort of became my name for the rest of the season. I do not regret for a second that I chose to play football. It was an unforgettable experience.... Now I am playing lacrosse, another totally new experience and challenge. I got the basics down pretty quickly and I keep improving every day. The coaches say that they like my effort and enthusiasm.

I have had the opportunity to try basketball, which I have wanted to try for a very long time. It was my first time playing a team sport and it was a very exciting experience. I finally understand now what team work really means and how close it can bring people together.... I'm also glad that my school requires everyone to do sports because it is a great way to relieve stress. I always feel so much better after practice.

A really special experience for me this year is playing softball and having the support of the entire team. To go up to hit and to have everyone saying "you can do it" is great and it just feels even more awesome if you hit the ball.



I sing in the Concert Choir, play in the symphony orchestra, do chamber music, and take lessons in flute and voice. I have also been in a student directed play and now I am participating in a main stage production – the Senior Play – in the lead girl's role. I have also joined some cultural clubs.

One of the new activities I participated in this year was a program that offers academic enrichment to middle school students of high potential in the public schools and prepares them to enter rigorous high schools. I was a volunteer teacher. I will always remember after a particular class, I helped a girl one on one because she did not catch up in class. She's a shy girl and didn't say much in class. But she smiled and told me "You are a good teacher and I will never forget your lessons." It was short and simple, but so touching and encouraging that I almost cried.

I was asked to become a member of the Spanish honorary society and accepted and participated in a competition among students whose first language is not Spanish of writing a short story in Spanish. I won a first prize in all of New Mexico.

In the fall I did kayaking as part of the voyager program at my school, and it was so much fun! We went on the Potomac river three times a week and paddled up the streams. It was very cold and a little bit scary in the beginning, especially when you tipped over in the water, but we helped each other, had a lot of fun, and became very close.

I have been in the school's dance club. In about a week we are going to have a show, where we are performing two big group pieces, and I am also in a smaller Salsa piece. I am really excited because we have been practicing all year, and I feel that it'll look good. I am also in the class making the yearbook.... It's a great class to wind

down during a stressful day, and I have had a lot of fun designing pages. And since the end of the year is here soon, I am really excited about seeing the whole book.

I've been a member of the concert choir and the theater group, and I write articles for the school newspaper every week. I've also been a member of the school's "Almost Famous" a cappella choir group.... I also organized a ballroom dancing class on campus in the month of February.

Finding A Home

My experiences with American families have been amazing, fun, and unforgettable. I'm the only child in my family in China due to the "One Child" Policy. But in the USA I've had one sister, two sisters, and even four siblings in my three host families. This big change is not a problem. On the contrary, it is a fun experience. My host siblings basically make my day every day. And I want to give my special thanks to all my host parents. They love me as their own child. Their love for me is beyond giving me rides, feeding me, or giving me a bed to sleep in. They helped me to fit into American life as soon as possible. When I have happy things or odd experiences, I know they are always there and I can share everything with them.

One day after watching a crew race of mine, Connor, my host brother and big brother, came up to me and said: "You're the best Gerstley out there on the pond, and we are really proud of you." It may seem small and unimportant, but this statement told me that Connor viewed me as a full member of his family, and I felt that although I had left my family behind in Germany, I had found a new one here. I will go home richer than before, knowing that I have widened my set of relationships and will always have a home both in Germany and in the United States. I am lucky

to have the Gerstley family as my host family, and every single one of them has a heart of gold.

I was invited to a home cooked dinner at my headmaster's house with my advisory group. His wife cooked this delicious meal, we all had fun, and I got to know my headmaster in a completely different and "human" way. It felt like he was a friend and not someone in a respectful position and it made me respect him and appreciate his personality even more. After the dinner we all watched "The Proposal" which is a romantic comedy. So I can just say: where at home do you watch a romantic comedy with your friends and your headmaster in front of the fireplace and actually feel comfortable and at home?

It was quite sad when I moved out of my first host family's house. When I got to my second host family's house, I was excited about staying with them and also sad that I had left my first family. My first host sister and I are close friends. We do a lot of things together and she led me through my first days in the country. I remember that I cried when we started hugging each other and saying goodbye. However, moving out didn't sever my life from theirs. We still meet on Sundays and go to church together. Moreover, I love my life with my second family as well. They have given me so many opportunities to do stuff that I would never have been able to do. I also have a little sister in my second family and I can say that she is the best sister I could ever have hoped for. It is such a blessing to have these families in my life. They have filled my days with love and joy.

My experiences with two American families are just unbelievable. We gradually established a sense of kinship and I got to experience so much.... All the memories that we share together, every moment that we spend together, every greeting, or every conversation has contributed so much to my amazing year in America. These

relationships won't end with my departure this June. These are lifelong connections that will remain for the rest of our lives. I'm just so blessed to have them in my life.

With Thanks

I feel most grateful to ASSIST for this incredible opportunity to learn, to have a great time, to make friends, and to become part of a different culture, with everything that this implies. This is an unforgettable experience that will affect and has affected my personality in so many positive ways. Thank you again!

I want to take this opportunity to thank ASSIST for this unbelievably great opportunity. It expanded my horizons and my thinking so much, and I have found friends from all over the



world. It was a year of challenge, of emotions, and of success, and I do not regret coming here for a single second. Please continue to give this possibility to as many kids as possible. THANK YOU!

I am speechless about how amazing this year has been. I have learned so much not only about different cultures, but also about myself. I came here as a child and I am leaving as nearly grown-up person. I really enjoyed the quality of the education I got here.... Thank you, ASSIST, for this amazing life experience.

Every day makes me value this year more and more and even if I am heartbroken to leave, I find comfort in the fact that there will be someone else here next year to experience this life. I don't know if I can ever fully comprehend what ASSIST did for me, but know that I will be committed to ensure than many other students will share with me this experience of a year abroad. If I can do anything to make this happen...let me know!

I would like to thank ASSIST for giving me this great and unique opportunity. I have grown in so many ways, I have learned and seen so many things, and I have found amazing friends. It is impossible for me to imagine where I would stand now without ASSIST. Thank you so much!!!

I want to thank all the wonderful people I have met here in the United States who have become my friends, supporters, and family in a way I never thought would be possible when you go to another country and start from the beginning.... I love America and look forward to enjoying the rest of my ASSIST year with every little moment it brings.

I want to thank all the wonderful people at ASSIST again! You gave me this great opportu-

nity of an adventure that I will never forget and that has changed my life so much. Thanks to you I have many new friends that I will definitely stay in contact with and three families who could not have been kinder and who feel like part of my own family now.... I am excited for the girl who will follow me and I am looking forward to helping her and giving her the best advice I can to make her year as wonderful as mine has been. THANK YOU, YOU ARE AWESOME!!!

I want to thank Mr. Stanley and all the people who work for ASSIST for giving me this opportunity..I really appreciate it and there is no way I can explain in words how grateful I am and how much I have enjoyed this year. MUCHAS GRACIAS!



Teacher and Advisor Comments

The staff of ASSIST follows the progress of each student throughout the academic year. We read with great interest the thoughtful comments offered by school faculty members. The following teacher and advisor comments were excerpted from year-end summary reports.

Ronza is one of those rare students who comes along and challenges everything about being a teacher and a human, making you better at both of these tasks in the process. She has been unfailingly and forcefully honest but at the same time, is considerate and caring about everyone she encounters. Her gift for science is almost an after thought in my affection for her. I wish her the best, and beg that she stay in touch in some way so I can follow what she does next.

Working with Jan has been one of the great pleasures of my career. From the first day of class he began to prove himself as an extremely intelligent and gifted student, and throughout the year he has prepared every lesson carefully. He asks probing questions and brings a healthy curiosity to the classroom. He writes with fluency and precision, and he expresses himself with absolute mastery of the English language. I feel very lucky to have had the chance to work with such a fine young man this year, and I hope that he will keep in touch with his many friends at Woodberry Forest after he returns to Germany.

It has been a joy for the entire Hockaday community to know Louise, as she is at once warm, kind, spirited, humorous, and good. It is no wonder that she has made so many friends in her time here. Louise has excelled on the sports field, in the classroom, and in the social world at the school; indeed, she has much of which to be proud. I wish her all the luck in her future endeavors...and I know I speak on behalf of all in requesting that she "stay in touch."

To all appearances Izzy thrived academically, socially, and emotionally throughout her year at Albuquerque Academy. Not only did she maintain a high GPA in a rigorous course load, with three AP's, she also participated in multiple sports, forged good friendships, won one essay contest (and entered another, where I have high hopes for her) and generally won the admiration and affection of the community. It was a delight to serve as Izzy's advisor, as it just mean that I got to spend a little extra time with her, throughout it all.

Michal, seldom have I seen a one year student come in and take such advantage of everything his new school had to offer. Congratulations! You inspired me with your bold choices, "try anything" approach and "can do" attitude. Not only that, but you made remarkable progress as a musician this year. You have gone from a raw beginner to a well rounded and able player in just one school year, and that is rare, indeed.... I think some in the class may actually have felt a bit sheepish when they saw how much you had accomplished and how far you had come. Well done! It's been a great pleasure to work with you, Michal, and I will miss your positive energy and smiling face at Putney next year. Thanks for giving us all so much in such a short time.

You will be missed next year, Dobromir. Who would have thought that the course's best writer would be an international student (not just any international student, we suppose...a Bulgarian student?) Your conceptual ability, your international perspective, your ability to

grapple with and express yourself in abstract terms, and your personal search in this American Studies course has been inspiring to your classmates and teachers. We wish you the best of luck next year and ask you to stay in touch.

Every now and then I get a special gift from the school registrar, and this year I'm in debt to her for sending me Theresa. She's a remarkable young woman: hard working, curious, humble - many more superlatives. She made my classroom a better place to come to every day. Her grades weren't bad either: 95 final exam, 92 final paper, 93 Dante test, 86 quiz average. I wish her the best next year, and hope that she comes back to see us some day!

Gabi is a quiet powerhouse of strength, and has been a wonderful addition to our advisory. She knows her gifts and has identified important values for herself. She is not afraid to debate issues, but always respects the rights of others to have diverse opinions. She is very driven academically and rightfully takes pride in her work. that was made doubly hard as she learned everything in a second language. She balanced her academics with work at the Child Development



Center. She loves children and they all loved her. They always tried to peek into advisory to see her when they were playing downstairs in the gym. Everyone in advisory will miss her.

Iliya made the most of his experience at Christ School and in the US; all of us were enriched by him. After he gave his final speech to the school, I overheard one of his classmates quip: "It's impossible to be sad when you're around Iliya." Truly, he exudes joy. And he proved himself a most worthy scholar, athlete, and ambassador. I fear that we in turn have corrupted his English skills; while vastly improved, he does leave us with a distinctly southern accent!... We celebrate his presence among us this year.

Abby stands out as one of the best math students I've worked with in my 30 years of teaching calculus. She enjoyed anticipating some of the major themes of the course (she could see where everything was headed) and she explored a number of topics independently, never, however, at the expense of the class.... During group work in the spring term Abby was highly sought out by her classmates for her total command of the course and her precision in explaining complex problems to her classmates.

I would like to tell you thank you....Max, we were blessed to have you on the team this season, not only for your size or skill but for your true vision of what a team could be. You saw potential in all as a whole as opposed to individuals working alone. With your comment about there not being a lone MVP, you reinforced in my mind your growth and maturity as a player who could recognize the communal contributions that lead to team success. Take this to heart as you depart, knowing that skill can take you far, trust and support can take you further. You always have a home here.

Pavlina, you are a powerful young lady. I have so much respect and admiration for you. You, without a doubt, helped raise the level of sophistication of our class. Your voice and experiences were so meaningful to our discussions. Your final anthology was beautifully written. I would be honored to write your college recommendation. Please keep in touch.

Jakub continued to strive toward excellence in his study of English.... His favorite poem this spring was "The Road Not Taken" by Robert Frost. He told me that it resonated with him because it reminded him of how important his decision to be part of the ASSIST "road" has been and will continue to be for the rest of his life. Jakub has been a determined and hard working student for the entire year. He has made the most of his experience in the class and has been a pleasure to work with.

There are just so many wonderful things to say about Jeannette as a student, as an athlete, as a young lady, that space would not permit me to tell all that I have observed in her performance this year.... She's one student that I really wish we could clone. It has been a blessing for Porter-Gaud to have had Jeannette attend this school through the ASSIST program

In my many years of teaching I have never been more fond of a student than I am of Victoria. She has everything going for her as a scholar and as a person: she is very bright, she works extremely hard, she is adventurous and willing to "stretch" herself, and most importantly, she is kind to herself and others.... All of us at Peddie are better off for her presence; we will miss her terribly.

Zaid – it was wonderful to have you in History of Africa. You brought enthusiasm and intelligence to our exploration of democracy and development. You showed tremendous growth

over the course of the semester in terms of analytical writing. I am proud of you! We shall all miss you. Best wishes for a happy, healthy high school career back home in Ramallah.

Julie leaves for the Czech Republic with a suitcase full of books, memories, and friendships. A whole new world has opened up for her: singing in Madrigals, being in a school musical, Philosophy Club, Robotics Club, yoga, new foods, fashion, US politics. All of this was not accomplished without its challenges. Julie tackled these with grace, conviction and her incredible intellect.... We are extremely sad to see her leave.

Jerry took the Landon School by storm this year. He earned the immediate respect of the students and teachers alike for his intellectual prowess, quick wit, and unbelievable control of the English language.... He has come to another country, assimilated beautifully, mastered our educational system, yet everything seems so natural and understated.... He has given us a lot by setting a great example of a scholar/gentleman.



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