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Graduate School Attended: C.W. Post Year Graduated: 1998

Please share any experiences from Sts. Philip and James School that you feel helped you in the furtherance of your higher education:

I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to obtain my elementary and middle school education at SSPJ. This is the place that shaped and molded me into the dedicated, diligent, and well-rounded student I continued to be up until the present day. It is also the place that provided me with the strong heart and spirit, self-awareness, and self-assuredness needed to be a successful teenager and adult. And most importantly, it is the place that surrounded me with the love, encouragement, teaching, and friendships that I still value to this day.

It should come as no surprise to hear that after graduating SSPJ, I was amazingly prepared to meet the new challenges of high school and beyond. My strong work ethic, academic focus, and love of learning continued and led me to the top of my class in high school (I believe I graduated fourth in my class), led me to make the choice to double-major in English and Psychology in college, and finally led me to graduate school which I completed after only 16 months of accelerated study.

I truly believe that my education at SSPJ is the foundation upon which the rest of my life has been built. I do not think I would be the person, educator, mother, wife, and friend I am today without all that I learned as a student at this school. I am forever grateful to my teachers and classmates, whose names I will never forget, though many years and great distances may now separate us.

Any personal information that you wish to share (family, business, etc...):

I am very fortunate to be able to say that I truly love my job. I have been a middle school librarian in the same district (Uniondale) since I graduated with my Master's in 1998. This job is perfect for me. It allows me to work among all of my favorite things—books, technology, and kids. But the “job” of which I am most proud and which has given me the most happiness and pride is that of mother. Two amazing people call me “Mom”—my beautiful, sweet, miraculous daughter, Julia (a student at SSPJ), and my handsome, hilarious, and amazing son, Logan (who can't wait to attend SSPJ). It has been a wonderful experience to come “home” to SSPJ as I watch my daughter take the same path I took myself all those years ago.

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