

My Governor's School Experience | CANIYA DAYE, BECHS STUDENT



Governor's School is not your typical summer program for gifted students. It is a place to find others that love learning to learn with you. It is a haven for those who may feel misfitted by their home community. It is an environment for all people to love each other for who they are as individuals and a whole. Governor's School is a place for exploring new things every day (for a month), from academics to the inner self.

The significant experience that I had here was the opportunity of staying on a college campus. Meredith College is an all-girls college in Raleigh, North Carolina. It was also the campus used for Governor's School East. Since there are always a lot of accepted applicants for Governor's School, it is a separation of them between two campuses, Meredith and High Point

University. Meredith College is one of the colleges I'm considering applying to for the next steps of my life. To get to live on its campus for a month helped me see how I would be living on campus by myself. Independence and responsibility settled on me, and I had to make good use of them. Balancing those things and academic work is not an easy thing. Good decision skills are a must when living by yourself. One mistake can easily throw you off track.

The academic work that I now know of is another significant experience I got from Governor's School. While it offered many subjects that you could go there for, you could only choose one. Math is what I picked since I want to go to college and become an applied mathematician. Each staff member in a subject department was either in their junior year of college, graduated from it, or in graduate programs for their Master's or Ph.D. For the math department, there were three teachers that math students switched between every day. My homeroom teacher, Logan Gray, was in graduate college for her Ph.D. in math at UNC-Chapel Hill. The second teacher, Robert Houck, or his nickname MathRob, was a well-experienced math teacher at the Longleaf School of the Arts and had been at Governor's School for about 22 years. My last and favorite teacher, Yvonne Chazal, teaches adjunct math at Wake Tech Community Col-

lege. These three astonishing teachers taught us students something we could never forget. From Logan, we learned about knot theory; from MathRob, infinity, and Yvonne, combinatorics. All three of these topics are graduate-level math topics, and I think it is pretty amazing that I now know much information about them. It was hard to understand at first, of course, but you caught onto it after you figured out what to do.

I could go on forever about this life-changing experience, but the last significant experience I got out of it was meeting new people. At Governor's School East, there were a total of 350 high school students. Most of us were juniors, but there were also sophomores who were in dance, choral music, or instrumental music. No matter what your choice was for going there, you could easily make friends with them. As a math student, I made friends with others in French, Social Science, and English. To this day, I stay in touch with some of them if I am not too busy with school work and college applications. Even though I was one of the minority students and a very antisocial person, I still managed to do that. In addition, they were also very passionate about learning. To meet teenagers that love learning as I do was the most surprising thing I ever discovered. I long to be around people like that every day as the nerdiness in me would like that very much.

Ever since the end of Governor's



School, I have missed it so much and wish to go back. My high school experience will never be like the one at Governor's School. However, I am making the most out of it by being a college advisor to my senior class. I hosted a college essay seminar for seniors and juniors to learn more about writing their college essays. Most days, I have sent out scholarships to my class that they may want to apply for college tuition. If our guidance counselor is nowhere to be present, I am constantly helping them apply for colleges and answering any questions they may have. Governor's School changed the mindset that I once had and has made it into something more mature and ready to prepare for college. If any other high school junior, or sophomore, can attend it, they should definitely take that chance. No one can have the same experience as mine without actually having experienced it themselves. I can also use it for bragging rights on college applications, so why miss a chance like that? I promise you you'll never see high school the same anymore.



A group of BHS students participated in ECU MADE (Multicultural And Diversity Experience) at East Carolina University on Saturday, November 20, 2021. MADE at ECU gives current high school students an opportunity to see how they can benefit from an exceptional education and wonderful social experience at East Carolina University. MADE at ECU offered our students the chance to meet with current students and faculty, learn how to apply and pay for their education, explored ECU's scholarship opportunities, and learned about the many different majors offered at ECU.

Here are pictures of our students being given a tour of the Richard R. & Joann M. Eakin Student Recreation Center.

The Eakin Student Recreation

Center is a 150,000 square foot facility that has six basketball courts, a 27 ft rock climbing wall, Adventure Center, indoor and outdoor pool, 12,000 square foot weight and fitness area, indoor track, Indoor Cycling Zone, Mind & Body Zone, Resistance Training Zone, Functional Cross Training Zone, 3 racquetball courts, 3 multipurpose studios, the Cardio Zone with premier equipment that features Netflix, cable TV, and internet access, classroom space, a family changing room with shower, and a newly added Athletic Training facility. Our Adventure Center has indoor and outdoor sporting equipment available for rental. There is access to day use lockers and rental lockers in the locker rooms.



Candy Corn Experiment (Colerain Elementary School)

Students in Ms. Square's class used the scientific method to answer questions, form a hypothesis, test the hypothesis, make observations, and draw conclusions.



WBES Fall Festival

West Bertie Elementary School hosted a Fall Festival where students had the opportunity to participate in various games and activities. Some of the activities were "forehead" painting, corn hole, bingo, cake walk, connect 4, and dancing. Admission included a hot dog, chips, drink and 4 tickets. Students also had the opportunity to purchase additional tickets.



WBES Red Ribbon Week

Students at West Bertie Elementary School pledge to be drug and bully free. They participated in the following activities for Red Ribbon Week: wear red, wear mismatched clothes, dress like twins, wear school colors - green, black and/or white and wear boots.



WBES Scholastic Book Fair

Students had the opportunity to visit the Scholastic Book Fair and purchase items.

