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We enjoyed our time together and we hope you enjoy this collection of our shared lessons.

Sincerely,

Danielle Elsasser, Tami Williams, & Socorrito Salcido

Curiosity, interest, optimism, and passion.... these are the things we hold in our heart at any age.

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Preface

Dear Reader,

Do you remember those moments as a student when the classroom seemed like home and home felt like a classroom? Our connections inside and outside of the school are what make learning meaningful. Sometimes those connections happen in our own backyard, and sometimes our connections happen further away.

In the spring 2018 semester, Omaha third grade students from Black Elk Elementary near 156th and Harrison Street met with senior residents of Royale Oaks Assisted Living near 50th and Ames Street. Together the two groups met new faces and learned about school life then and now. Additionally, graduate students in educational leadership at UNO joined the journey. These adults were present at the meetings of seniors and third graders as well as other individual meeting times at Royale Oaks. Following is a synthesis of our collective time together.

SERVICE LEARNING

Service Learning is a method of teaching that combines classroom instruction with meaningful, community-identified service. This form of engaged teaching and learning emphasizes critical thinking by using reflection to connect course context with real-world experiences. Service learning instructors partner with community organizations as co-teachers and encourage a heightened sense of community, civic engagement, and personal responsibility for students while building capacity and contributing real community impact.

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BRICE AND ME
BY AUSTIN

This is a essay about my senior buddy and me. We have some things in common and other things that are different. Let me tell you about Brice.

First, let me tell about Brice. He had 25 kids in his class or 10. Brice did not like school. His favorite teacher was everyone that's a little cool.

Now, let me tell you about my experience. I have 25 or 10 kids in my class. My favorite activity recess because I get to play fun games. My favorite teacher is Ms. Cremmer; she was a great teacher.

Let's talk about Brice and me and how we are the same. We both love recess because its so awesome. We both had 10 or 25 kids in are class isn't that cool. We both walked all the time to an awesome school, although it isn't always fun walking to school.

In conclusion at first i was shy but then I was not. Also, follow your dreams. In addition, I didn't think at first that I would have anything in common, but I did which made me excited.



Austin, 2018

“We have learned over the course of the last eight weeks that the role of an educational leader is engaging families and communities in a meaningful, reciprocal, and mutually beneficial ways to promote student’s academic success and well-being.”

-UNO Educational Leadership Student

ELOISE AND ME
BY SOPHIA

This is an essay about my senior buddy and me. We have things in common and things that are different. Let me tell you about... Eloise.

First, let me tell you about Eloise, Her favorite grade was kindergarten. Her favorite subject was math and her favorite teacher was a sub teacher she met. She forgot her friends names her advice for school was always practice.

Now, let me tell you about my experience, My all time favorite grade is third grade because we times and we get to do musical showcase my favorite subject is writing because it is a time to just put all your feelings on paper. I don't have a favorite teacher they are all my favorite because they were all so nice and helpful to me when I am sad, mad, depressed and hurt. And my best friends are Isabel, Kelsi and Aubrey because they help me when it is tough and help me when I. Some of my advice is listen always listen.

Here are Eloise and my similarities, Me and Eloise both love school. We both got to school by some sort of transportation. We both had over 19 kids in our class.

In conclusion, always try and never give up is some more advice. So this was my essay on Royale Oaks. So go out and make someone feel good like I did. This was the best day of my life because I got to meet someone new that was a little older and discover what life was like when Eloise was a kid!



Sophia, 2018

EULA AND ME
BY NORA

This is an essay about my senior buddy and me. We have some things in common, and other things that are different. Let me tell you about Eula.

First, let me tell you about my senior buddy. Eula's favorite grades wher 4th and 5th grade. Eula's favorite teacher was Mrs. Green. Eula walked to school every single day.

Now, let me tell you about my experience. My favorite grade is kindergarten. My favorite teacher is Mrs. Eastridge because, she gave us rootbeer floats. I ride a car to school every single day.

Let's talk about how Eula and I are the same. We both have the same favorite subject, math. We both have 25 kids in our class. We both love school.

In conclusion, like Eula said, always do your homework. At first, I didn't think that we had a lot in common, but we do. Eula is very fun I hope I get to do it again some time. I had a great time when I saw her. It was the best!



Nora, 2018

“Professional Standard for Educational Leaders 8a states that “effective leaders are approachable, accessible, and welcoming to families and members of the community” (p.16). When people feel they belong, they want to be there. They are pulled back naturally to school.”

-UNO Educational Leadership Student

KATHY AND ME
BY JOSH

This an essay about my senior buddy and me. We have some things in common and other things that are different let me tell you about Kathy and me.

First here are three facts about kathy. Her favorite grade was 9th because of, her favorite subject was music because it was calming to her, her advice is to get along with others.

Next here are three facts about me. My favorite grade is kindergarten because it was really fun. My favorite subject is art because I like to color and paint, and there are 25 people in my class.

This is how we are alike. We both do not like school. Our favorite teachers were both really nice.

Last, I'll tell you about advice in school. Kathy said be kind to others. I said listen to the teacher. I hope I can do this next year because I had fun talking to Kathy and learning about her.



Josh, 2018

“Community partnerships are a great way to enhance a student’s educational experience. They can provide opportunities for students to meet people who may be different from them or even provide opportunities that wouldn’t have been possible without the partnership. These partnerships allow for relationships to be built and connections to be made.”

-UNO Educational Leadership Student

LARRY AND ME
BY LILY

This is a essay about my senior buddy Larry and me. We have some things in common and other things that are different. Let me tell you about Larry first.

First, Larry's favorite grade 5th because he loved music math.Larry walked to school even in bad weather. He had 15 kids in his class.Larry said it wasn't a big school like Black Elk Elementary.

Next, here's my information. My favorite grade was Kindergarten because my teacher was fair. She was really fun, funny, kind, sweet. That's why I loved kindergarten, but I didn't go to Black Elk in kindergarten. I ride to school in a car with my mom and my neighbor's car. I have 25 kids in my class.

Now, let's talk about howLarry and meare the same.We both love music.We both love math for tons of different problems.We both have girl best friends both girls and really nice.

In conclusion this is Larry's advice for life. Larry said all ways get your education. I said it's fun but hard and

easy at the same time so there's Larry and me I love talking to Larry a lot because he was funny and nice. I enjoyed going to Royal oaks.



Lily, 2018

“Constantino (2016) states “a school learning community includes educators, students, parents, and community partners who work together to improve the school and enhance students’ learning opportunities” (p. 185). Engaging the community creates opportunities that are beneficial to both the school and the community group.”

-UNO Educational Leadership Student

***ME AND MY SENIOR BUDDY OLLIE
BY RAINEY***

This is an essay about my senior buddy Ollie and me. We have some things in common and other things that are different. Let me tell you about Ollie. Hear we go!

First off, she loved school but Ollie was the only girl in her class. Poor Ollie! Her advice for school was stick to it do not give up! I think that is a good advise for school. Her favorite subject is math and coris because Ollie loves to sing and solve problems.

Second, I only had one bff her name is Liza we like to play dress up I haven't saw her in a long time. My favorite grade was first grade because I had a nice teacher Mrs.Holenstine. I have 25 students in my class 11 girls pluss my teacher so 12 and 13 boys.

Next, we both went to school not one of us were homeschooled. We both had to walk to school I sometimes had to walk to school. We both have teachers that are girls. I do not know someone who has a boy teacher. Ollie's favorite teacher is Mrs. Richardson because she gave Ollie lunch. Mrs.O'connor was my favorite teacher because she always was sweet to me.

Last of all, I am happy and excited when I see Ollie because Ollie is always happy to see me. I gave her a jar of sunshine because Ollie is very important to me. Ollie is a nice, joyful, sweet, happy person and, that's why I like Ollie.



Rainey, 2018

“In projects like this, students’ worlds are made larger. They begin to understand what “global citizenship” looks and feels like.”

-UNO Educational Leadership Student

MY ROYAL OAKS SENIOR BUDDY
BY HUNTER

I got to meet a senior at Royal Oaks. Let's know a little bit about her. This is my Royal Oaks essay about what we share, so let's go.

First, Kathy's favorite teacher is Mr. Basit. She walks and rides the bus to school everyday. Her best friend's name is Kathy too! Isn't that crazy?

Next, let's talk about me. My favorite teacher is Mrs. Boyce because she let people sleep in class. I ride in my mom's car to school everyday. My best friend's name is Hunter too! It's crazy!

Finally, our best friends share our names. Can you believe it? Most of all, we want to get along with others.

In conclusion, let me tell you a little advice. Help others if you're in school or if you're out of school. Even if it's a stranger, you can ask if they need help. I hope you enjoyed reading.



Hunter, 2018

“Students can experience parts of their own city they may not even be aware, communicate with others who may communicate differently from them, have abilities that are different from their own, and offer support that may not have been available without the partnership.”

-UNO Educational Leadership Student

PATTIE AND ME
BY NATHAN

This is an essay about my senior buddy Pattie and me. We have some things in common and other things that are different. We have many things that represent us differently. Let me tell you about Pattie.

First, let me tell you all about Pattie. She liked third grade because she was halfway through grade school. She liked history because she could learn about her home country. She walked to the bus stop and waited for the bus and rode to school.

Second, let me tell you all about Me. I liked 2nd grade because it wasn't too easy or too hard for me. I like art because I want to be a famous artist when I grow up and I like just sketching and coloring. I get a ride to and from school by getting a ride from my Mom, Dad or Auntie.

Last, how we are the same and alike. Pattie had 24 students and I have 25 classmates. We have almost the same number of students, but she has only 1 less. Her advice was "Don't quit school" and I said "Be good in school" so they kinda fall in the same category, and we have a similar grade we like best.

In conclusion, now you learned about Me and my buddy, Pattie. Now you can see what is similar and what is different. It was really fun and interesting meeting my buddy.



Nathan, 2018

“When I was at Royale Oaks, I saw first-hand the importance of relationships.”

-UNO Educational Leadership Student

BRICE AND ME
BY ANTHONY

This is an essay about my sener buddy and we have thing in common and that we are different. Let me tell you about me and Brice.

First, Brice didn't like school he like to play. He had 10 kids in his class he didn't have a favorite teacher because he liked all his teacher. He also liked basketball it was his favorite sport.

Then,I am in third grade it is my favorite grade. My favorite teacher is Mrs. Elsasser because she teaches us.I have 25 kids in my class. My favorite sport is football. Because I got a football for Christmas.

Let's talk about me and brice. Me and brice both have 10 or 12 frends. We both like recess because you run and we both like pe to.

In conclusion, we want you to know to like school now you know about me and my senior buddy. I liked this project because I got to see a new person. Brice was funny and kind.



Anthony, 2018

“As I continue my journey as an educational leader, it is my goal to direct my focus outward rather than inward, putting first the needs and concerns for the families and community I am privileged to serve.”

-UNO Educational Leadership Student

EULA & ME
BY BRODY

Now, we all have our sames and differences. Here are Eula's (My senior buddy's) and mine. Let's go to meet Eula. ¡Vamanos!

See, Eula liked third and fourth grade. She Liked Mrs. Green, and walked to school. She also had a friend named Betty and they liked to play hopscotch.

Here are my likes: I liked first grade, my favorite teacher teaches first grade, and if you were wondering... her name was Mrs. Freshman. I like to play basketball with my friend, Isaiah. My favorite subject is writing because

Here are our similarities: We both had twenty-five kids in our class! We both liked school. We don't have much in common.

In conclusion, we all have our sames and differences. But Eula and I... we are still the same at heart. As she says... "Do your homework!" But I say... "Do your best." I enjoyed doing this and it was a great opportunity. That's it! I Hope you liked it! Bye ladies and gentlemen! ¡Adios amigos y amigas!



Brody, 2018

“In my opinion, education is a dynamic process. The purpose of school is multi-faceted. Schools are charged with developing scholars, preparing good citizens and ensuring students are prepared for careers or college. This dynamic process, has to be individualized and based on students interests and needs.”

-UNO Educational Leadership Student

CHRISTINE AND ME
BY KELSI

This is an essay about my senior buddy and me. We have some things in common and some things different. Let me tell you about Christine.

First let's talk about Christine, she did not like school because she liked the outdoors. She walked two miles to school every day bad weather or good. Her favorite teacher was her math teacher in seventh grade.

Next let's talk about me, I like school because I like to take spelling tests for writing. I ride in my Dad's car to school. I don't know who my favorite teacher is.

Let's talk about me and Christine's similarities. We both liked art as a favorite grade because of the art. One of my favorite subjects in school is music and Christine's favorite subjects are music and art. In her class she had 30 or more kids and in my class I have 25 kids.

In conclusion, I say you should try your best. Christine said don't take school. I didn't think it would be so exciting at Royale Oaks in the beginning, but at the end it was so much fun. I would do it again if I could.



Kelsi 2018

“As educators, it is important to ensure our views of community and community engagement are well-rounded and take into account not only how the broader community can support the school but also how the school can support the community.”

-UNO Educational Leadership Student

BRICE AND ME!
BY ELLA

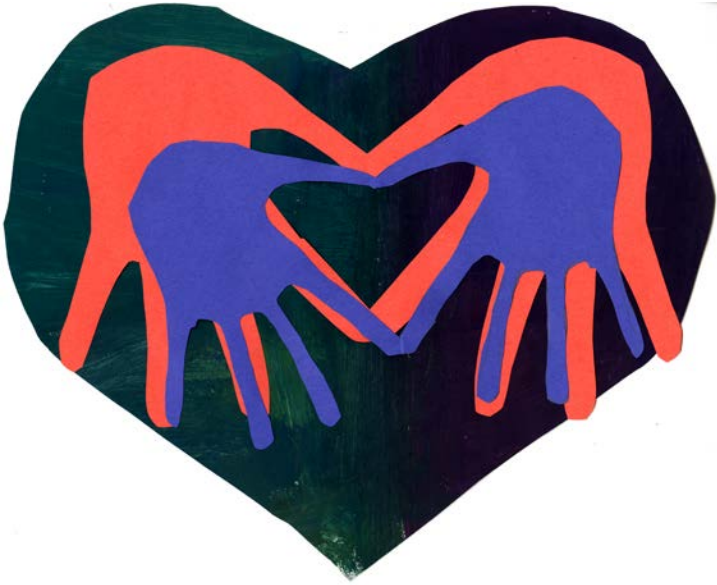
This is an essay about my senior buddy and me. We have some things in common and other things that are different. Now let me tell you about Brice!

First, even though Brice didn't like school, he liked every teacher. When Brice was a kid, he walked to school. Brice said education will change your life.

Now, all about me! I like school very much. It's unique so is 3rd grade. My favorite teacher was Mrs. Lentz. I get to school in a van, and there are 25 kids in my class!

Last, let's talk about how Brice and I are alike! Brice and I have a couple things in common. We both like recess and playing with friends. The last thing we have in common is that we both have 10 or 12 friends.

Finally, let me leave you with some advice! Follow your heart. I loved meeting my senior buddy because Brice was really encouraging! He was very happy and bright. I hope I can do it again!



Ella, 2018

“As I work toward my own leadership goals and growth, I am becoming more cognizant of the needs of the communities that I serve.”

-UNO Educational Leadership Student

EULA AND ME
BY ISAIAH

This is an essay about my senior buddy and me. We have somethings in common and and other that are different let me tell you about Eula.

First, her favorite subject is math because of subtraction. she said to do your homework. Her best friend was Betye and she played hopscotch together.

Second, I walk home because my house is 2 blocks away for school . My best friend is Brody and Nathan because they let me play with them. I like school because we play hide out in P.E .

Then, we both walk to school. We both like math because of subtraction. We both have 25 kids in or class.

Last, she said to do your homework. I hope that I can do this again someday. It was so fun to meeting Eula because she made me laugh.



Isaiah, 2018

“My entire life I have known one thing, I want to be helpful to people, and my hope is that I am able to *engage families and the community in meaningful, reciprocal, and mutually beneficial ways to promote each student’s academic success and well-being.*”

-UNO Educational Leadership Student

ELOISE AND ME
BY ELLIE

This is an essay about my senior buddy and me. We have stuff in common and things that are different. Let me tell you about Eloise.

First, Eloise got to school by a van. Her favorite subject is math. Her favorite teacher was a substitute teacher.

Next, let's talk about me. I go to school in a car with my dad. My favorite subject is art because I can get creative. My favorite teacher changes every year, but this year it's Mrs. Elsasser.

These are the things we have in common Eloise and I both love school. Our favorite grade is kindergarten. We had at least 20 kids in our class.

In conclusion, me and Eloise think if you practice you can do it. I enjoyed meeting Eloise because she was fun to get to know. She was friendly and kind. I'm sure she enjoyed it too. I hope we meet again.



Ellie, 2018

“Through coursework components like the service learning project, I have been able to broaden my own perspectives to incorporate new reflection and practices in my field. Before our service learning project, I probably would not have considered the community of Royale Oaks assisted living as a typical school partnership. Now, I can transfer this gained knowledge to other ‘unlikely’ partners and hopefully enlighten fellow colleagues to do the same.”

-UNO Educational Leadership Student

CHRISTINE AND ME
BY AUBREY

This is an essay on my senior buddie and me. We have some things in common and other things are different. Let me tell you about Christine first.

First, Let's talk about Christine. Christine does not like school because she just always wants to be outside. She walked two miles to school every day. Her advice is don't take school too seriously.

Now let's talk about me. I like school because if you listen you can learn something new everyday isn't that cool. My mom drives me to school in her car on her way to her work. My advice is **TRY YOUR BEST ALWAYS!**

Let's talk about how we our alike. We both like art and music a lot. We both have 30 kids or less in our classes. And finally, we both like to go to our friends house and play lots of games and have fun.

In conclusion, I hope you learned about me and Christine. I really had fun talking to my buddie because she was very funny and warm hearted. Do you have any

fun school experiences? I think you should take action in the world like I did. I really hope I get to see Christine again sometime.



Aubrey, 2018

PATTI AND ME
BY KARA

This is a essay about my senior buddy Patti and me. We have things that are in common and things that are different. Let me tell you about Patti.

First, Pattie's favorite subject was history because it taught her about the country she lived in. She walked one mile to get to the bus stop and then road on the bus to get to school. Her advice for school was don't quit school.

Second, my favorite subject is art because I like drawing. I ride in a car to get to my school. My advice was make friends and you will succeed.

Let me tell you how Patti and I are alike, we both had 20 or more kids in our class. We both have cats (hers is Big Ben and mine are Lulu and Rosie).

In conclusion, Patti says don't quit school. I say make friends and you will succeed. Now you know how Patti and I are the same and different. Patti was nice and kind and I would like to do this again.



Kara, 2018

“An effective leader in the areas of family and community engagement is the result of resourceful skill building through intentional positive impacts through understanding and supporting the needs of the school community.”

-UNO Educational Leadership Student

OLLIE AND ME
BY OWEN

This is an essay about my senior buddy Ollie and me. We have some things in common and other things that are different. Let me tell you about Ollie.

First, Ollie's favorite grade was third grade. Her favorite subject was math and chorus. Chorus is singing. Ollie has a walker, and it makes her really special.

Next, let's talk a little about me. My favorite grade was 1st grade, my teacher was Mrs. Hohenstein. My favorite subject is writing because we get to write whatever we want. I'm 8 and a half years old.

Now, let's talk about how Ollie and I are alike. We both walk to school. We both have several different friends. We both like girl teachers.

In conclusion, like Ollie says stick to it and never give up in school and out of school. I hope I can see Ollie again because she was nice to me.



Owen, 2018

“When leadership has established the importance of upholding and sustaining the value of family and community relationships, teachers realize the effect on students’ academic success.”

-UNO Educational Leadership Student

LARRY AND ME
BY MASON

This is a essay about my senior buddy and me we have some things in common and other things that are different. Let me tell you about Larry.

First, he liked the 5th grade. He liked math it was his best subject. He had a favorite teacher she was always fair she didn't have favorite students.

Now let's talk about me, I liked kindergarten you could do whatever you wanted most of the time. I love art i'm really good at it. I don't have a favorite teacher.

Let me tell you about some similar things about me and my senior buddy, Me and him had about 15 students in both of our classes. We both like school we are both good at math.

In conclusion, go to school you might learn a thing or two, and always get education it is very important. This was very fun because I learned about someone new. I hope you can do it too one day or if you've already did one of these, I hope you enjoyed it too. I did!



Mason, 2018

“One of the things that struck me when listening to the journey each of the leaders shared with us was that they all seemed to have a calling to be in the field that they are in. Irma has always worked in a health-related field, Carly wanted to be a nurse and her journey brought to leadership in nursing. Mel came full circle having worked at Royale Oaks as a high school student. These three women seemed very settled in their current leadership positions and I, too, am very comfortable with the path I have chosen.”

-UNO Educational Leadership Student

***MY SENIOR BUDDY FRIEND PATTI
BY DALLAS***

We visited Royale Oaks Assisted Living. The interior is nice. I have some things I'm going to tell you about my senior buddy.

First off, my senior buddy likes history a lot because she learned about the country she lived in. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Sailers. Last she had exactly 24 kids in her 3rd grade class.

Next, I like school because I love math. Also, my favorite teacher is Mrs. Elsasser because she is kind. Last, I have 25 kids in my class.

Last, let's talk about how me and Patti are alike. We both enjoyed third grade. We both like to walk (she walks to the bus and I walk to school).

In conclusion, I agree with Patti that you should stay in school. I would enjoy doing this again because I got to talk to someone new and Patti is nice.



Dallas, 2018

“There were many similarities to the leadership roles at Royale Oaks and those of an educational leader. Care for individuals being served is a top priority of both. Both must attend to the needs, challenges, and successes of those being served. They both must really know who their community really is; they both need to make those personal connections embracing the diversity of their population.”

-UNO Educational Leadership Student

EULA AND ME
BY MAHIT

I have a senior Royal Oaks buddy! We have some things in common and other things that are different. I learned so much facts about her. Let me tell you about Eula.

First, here are facts about Eula. She walks to school because she is

like two blocks away from her school. She is an American. Her advice is do your homework.

Second, here are some facts about me. I ride in a car to school because I live two miles away from my school. I am Indian. My advice is don't give up.

Last, let me tell you some similarities we have. We both have 25 kids in class. Isn't that crazy? We both like math (she likes subtraction, I like multiplication). We both like school.

In conclusion, I enjoyed this project because I liked doing the art activity. Remember, Eula's advice was do your homework. My advice is don't give up. Well, you better do your homework and don't give up.



Mahit, 2018

“The most significant similarity I observed was how both our jobs are more meaningful when we make personal connections with the people we serve. If the population you serve knows you are invested, they will open up to you and allow you to serve them better. This is key when considering the relationships between schools and communities. As a leader you must know the people you are serving.”

-UNO Educational Leadership Student

KATHY AND ME
BY LENA

This is an essay about my senior buddy and me. We have some things in common and other things that are different. Let me tell you about Kathy first.

First, Kathy loved music because it was calming. She walked and rode the school bus to school. Her favorite grade was 9th because on quior.

Next, my favorite subjects are reading and writing because it is calming. I have 25 students in my class. I ride mom and dad's car to school. Now I am going to talk about our similarities.

Last, both of our teachers are nice. For fun we like to talk to friends about pets. We both have good advice. In conclusion, Kathy said to get along with others. I hope I get to do this again someday because Kathy was kind. This was awesome because I got to meet someone new.



Lena, 2018

“Getting an opportunity to watch a multigenerational interaction was rewarding in itself. It was fun to watch how the interaction between the resident and student was enhanced with small changes to ensure both the conveyer of the message and the receiver were successful in their interactions.”

-UNO Educational Leadership Student

OLLIE AND ME
BY BRAYDEN

This is an essay about my senior buddy. About how we have some things in common and other things that are different. Now here we go to meet Ollie.

First, my buddies name is Ollie, she loved math. It's really fun she says, especially times. She loved school because she liked all her teachers. They were nice. Her favorite grade is 3rd because of different teaching.

Next, I have lots of friends but this is my best friend is Anthony. I love school because I get to be with my friends and play at recess. I have 25 kids in my class. Last, we both walk to school, but when it's cold we ride to school. We both loved math it's really fun especially times. We both love all are teachers because they are really nice.

In conclusion, we want you to know to stick to what your good at and to never give up. Now you know how me and Ollie are alike. I liked this project because I got to meet someone new. Hope you enjoyed learning about Ollie and me. :)



Brayden, 2018

“After some reflection, and work on my community culture project for class, my eyes have been opened to the amount of opportunities available for me to engage with my community, as a citizen as well as a school leader. Just as the dedicated employees at Royale Oaks use a business mindset and a caretaker’s heart to engage their greater community, I can too. I can listen. I can be open. I can be a leader.”

-UNO Educational Leadership Student

CHRISTINE AND ME
BY ELI

This is an essay about my senior buddy and me we have some things in common and some differences let me tell you about Cristine.

Her favorite class was music. she liked to play instruments. She walked two miles to school.

I like gym the most. Because we get to run around and we did a hockey unit. I ride to school.

My buddy's advice was don't take school seriously. I said the same. We both didn't like school. In both our favorite grades we had really nice teachers.

In conclusion, you can see I got along with my buddy really well. Here's some advice about school: don't take school seriously. I liked this project because we got to know what it was like 60-70 years ago at school and at home.



Eli, 2018

“I used to view educational leadership existing in a separate bubble without many similarities across other areas of leaderships. I am finding this not to be true. I can be a representation of my school and work to engage the community of my town in everything I do.”

-UNO Educational Leadership Student

ELOISE AND ME
BY NOAH

I am going to tell you about my senior buddy. This is a story about my senior buddy, Eloise, and me.

First, Eloise liked school and her favorite subject was Math. She also liked substitute teachers. She did not have a best friend.

Next, my favorite subject is art because I like painting. My favorite teacher is Mrs. Brazier, she teaches 2nd grade. Eli is my best friend because we both like to play tag.

Eloise and I both like school. We both ride in a van to get to school. We both have more than 20 people in our class.

In conclusion, let me tell you a little advice. Stick to it and never give up. I want to talk to Eloise again because she is my favorite senior buddy.



Noah, 2018

“As a school leader, I believe that once families are engaged, community doors will open. Families live and work in the community. I now know more about potential community partnerships. When families are engaged, they feel empowered to help facilitate these partnerships. In conclusion, the days of education happening in silos has ended. We as educators, parents and the greater community need to work collaboratively to ensure we are educating and empowering the leaders of tomorrow.”

-UNO Educational Leadership Student

LARRY AND ME
BY MAGGIE

This is an essay about my senior buddy and me. We have things that are the same and the different. Let me tell you about Larry and me.

First, I'm gonna tell you about Larry so let us get started, Larry walked to school up and down a hill even in bad weather. Larry's favorite grade of all is 5th grade. And Larry's favorite subject in all is math.

Next, I'm gonna tell you about me, I go on a van to school every single day. My favorite grade of all times is 1st grade. I love to do art. It's my favorite subject because you can be creative.

Last but not least, I'm going to show you what we had in common with each other, Larry and I both like school so very much. Both me and Larry have friends that are girls. And that both of our advice are always get education.

In conclusion, now you know a little more about Larry and me. I had a lot of fun asking these questions. I hope you enjoy reading this as I did writing it!



Maggie, 2018

“In reflection of this experience and integration of course work, this experience has enhanced and shaped my personal leadership journey in a multiple ways. I feel strongly that finding strategic community partners that expand students understanding of our diverse world is an important part of education. Students need to be equipped as scholars and good citizens during their primary and secondary education. Engaging families as partners in the educational process is essential for success of all students.”

-UNO Educational Leadership Student

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