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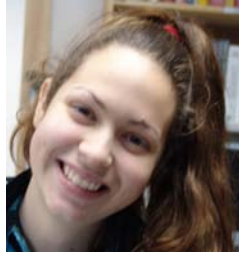
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Industriousness

Lauren, 15

I have a
New tool that gives me
Direction that is
Unbelievable.
Starting
Today
Right here and now
I will
Object to
Unreasonable laziness and
Silence of my mind, and
Never
Ever
Sit
Still when there is work to be done!



Industriousness Interview

Jesse, 15

The definition of
'industriousness' at
Turning Winds Academic
Institute is:
"maintaining a positive work ethic aimed
at setting and achieving realistic goals
in service to self and others".



A fifteen year old Aaron from Seattle, Washington, has been a student of Turning Winds Academic Institute for 2 months, and he gladly agreed to share his thoughts on the topic of industriousness during an interview earlier this week, when I was a reporter for our monthly newsletter, *Whispers in Winds*.

I asked Aaron what industriousness means to him.

After a moment of thought Aaron replied, "Industriousness means working hard. It

means always being positive while you work to achieve a goal."

I also asked him how he applies industriousness in daily life here at Turning Winds Academic Institute.

Pointing at his schoolwork in front of him he said, "I motivate myself to work hard while maintaining a positive attitude. I also work hard in all other aspects of the program because I know it's good for you; it builds character."

I finished the interview by asking Aaron how he plans to apply the virtue at home after his stay here comes to an end.

Aaron stated, "When I go home, I will work hard in school so that my parents will be proud of my effort. That way, I gain both their approval and the tools I need to start a great career. I will also maintain various goals and systematically try to achieve them."

The interview ended with Aaron announcing with excitement, "WOW! To master industriousness is awesome!"

Industriousness

In the Community

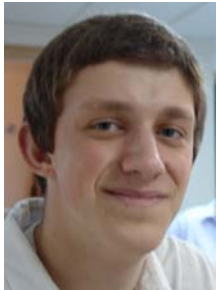
Tyler, 14

To me, the word 'industriousness' means, 'being able to achieve physical goals in a positive way'. It also makes me think of a bee. To us humans it seems that a bee has a simple job, but to them it is part of their industrious life that they do all together, sharing and relying on each other. Pollinating flowers, collecting pollen, building honeycombs out of bee



wax in their beehives, and bringing nectar home, to make honey and feed little bees to raise them is a true example of industriousness and a good example to us on how to keep up a great work ethic in a community.

Favorite Recipe:



Layered Enchilada Bake

Zach, 16

In order to make this delicious dish, you need to first, start cooking rice. Then, you need to cut and sauté onions, and also cook the beans.

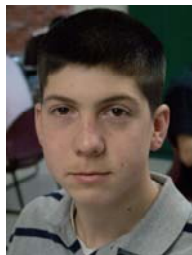
Then, while rice and onions cook, start preparing the first layer on the bottom of the pan by laying out tortillas. Then spread evenly shredded cheese, sour cream, and salsa. Once rice, beans, and onions are done, make the next layer, spreading it all evenly on the first layer, and then start the next layer of tortillas. Repeat layering, until the pan is full. Top it all with lettuce and tomatoes to your liking.

Finally, put the pan with the enchiladas in the oven for 20 minutes, to heat up the cold ingredients. Take it out when ready, share and enjoy!

Book Review

Drew, 16

The best book I have read in the last month is Eragon, by Christopher Paolini. It is about a young boy in his teenage years, who finds a blue stone in the middle of the woods while he is hunting for a deer. The stone that he finds turns out to be a dragon egg. This is when Eragon ventures into the world of being a dragon rider. He goes with Brom and his dragon Saphira to hunt down the Ra'zac, because the Ra'zac killed Eragon's whole family. After following Ra'zac for about a month they finally find the Ra'zac. Eragon uses magic that he didn't even



know he could use, and he kills the Ra'zac.

I encourage everybody to read this book, and all the next ones in the series, because this novel is not just an exciting story. It also teaches us to know the value of strong will, and it shows how not to ever give up your dream no matter the hardship that we meet in our lives.

Field Trip

Brendan, 16

In January, 2010 something interesting happened at Turning Winds Academic Institute. It was a very exciting team building activity.



One Sunday, half of our group went out into the woods for a hike. Little did we know that it was not an ordinary hike. At the beginning of the hike we were paired up with a partner, and then one of us was blindfolded. One partner had to lead the blindfolded partner, who had to follow along. This activity was full of excitement, but it also taught us all an important lesson in trust and teamwork.

Weather

Connor, 17

Weather here in Yaak Valley has been pretty mild in January. Great variation in temperature - minus three Fahrenheit was the low, and plus thirty-five has been the high, - but very little precipitation. Yet, we still have the whole land here white with snow, and ice. I hope we have a bit more sunshine next month, because this month it was very overcast.

