



AVID NEWS

SHAW HEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL AVID NEWSLETTER

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SHMS AVID GOES TO COLLEGE: METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER



Part of preparing for college is planning for college. This month, our AVID students visited Metropolitan State University of Colorado. This is a unique school as it shares a campus with 2 other schools in the heart of downtown Denver. The Auraria Campus houses not only Metro but the Community College of Denver and also the University of Colorado at Denver.

As part of our campus tour, our student got an introduction to what it takes to be a college student along with some of the awesome opportunities open to them as students at Auraria.



Metro not only offers an impressive 86 majors but it is known as Colorado's most affordable university. The in-state tuition is 1-2 thousand dollars less than other universities in the state. This makes Metro a top choice for students who are looking for a college degree that won't have them paying back student loans forever. In fact, 1 in 5 Colorado graduates choose Metro as their University.

While on campus, our AVID students were able to tour classrooms, see student clubs and organizations and get a sense for college life. We were also able to tryout some of the student produced virtual reality games. These games were part of a showcase at the school to show student work and success in different degree programs. We also did a walking tour of the campus. This was part of our scavenger hunt that led us don the historical part of Auraria Campus and into some of the new state of the art buildings for Aerospace engineering and sciences.



WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

This month in AVID we are focusing on what our story is. It may not be our total life story but instead it's the defining moments in our lives that we will remember forever. These moments that have shaped you as a person and could have impacted others as well. In November we are writing memoirs. Memoirs are a detailed account of an event or ideas that has changed us. This detailed account should paint a picture for the reader. It should make the reader feel like they were there with you, witnessing the event.

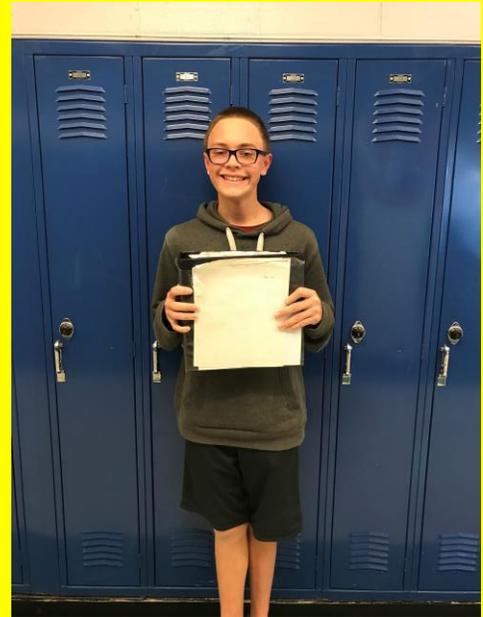
To prepare for our memoirs, we did what every good writer does. We found examples for great memoirs written by our peers. As a class we picked 4 different memoirs from Teenink.com. In small groups, we read over these memoirs to help us understand what themes, lessons and descriptive language the writers used.

Once we had an idea of what a memoir was, we began writing our memoirs. Each student had to pick an important life event that changed them in some way. This life event is the main topic of their memoir and will help them show how they can use descriptive language to make the reader feel like they are experiencing the event as well.

IMPORTANT NEWS

- ✂ \$1 after school concessions will continue every Thursday in front of the school. The concessions will be from 4:00-4:10 every Thursday. All money raised from these concessions will go directly to the AVID program. Thanks for your support!

AVID STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Brandon Pierce - 7th Grade

Where do you want to go to college?

I would like to attend college here in Colorado so I can stay close to my family. I have been looking at going to Metropolitan State University of Denver or the University of Colorado.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

When I grow up, I would like to be an artist because I really enjoy doing art.

Who is your biggest inspiration and why?

My biggest inspiration is my mom. She is my inspiration because she has to watch my brothers and work and still never gives up.

How has AVID helped you be more successful in school this year?

AVID has helped me become a better student by helping me be more organized here at school. This has helped me make sure that I am getting in all of my work!

