

DENVER LUTHERAN High School

NURTURING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
ENCOURAGING GROWTH IN CHRIST

Class of 2008 Testimonials

(Students were given an opportunity to write about their experiences at DLHS.)

Coming to DLHS as a sophomore, I really had no idea what to expect. I went to public school my entire life and coming to DLHS was a big change. My faith would not be anywhere near how strong it is if I had not come to DLHS. God's presence is around all the time in the school and I really found that comforting – to be surrounded by fellow Christians. I have learned so much not only about God, but about myself as well.

- Shayla Englund

DLHS strongly prepared me for my future not just academically, but as a person. Because of DLHS I am now strong in my faith and know that I can handle anything that life throws at me.

- Casey Bennett, salutatorian

The teachers make DLHS special, and I'm prepared for college.

- Brian Mershon

DLHS is special because of the loving Christian environment. It has shown me that to be "successful" in life I need to love and trust in God above all things.

- Mike Milner

I love DLHS because of three things: the people, the academics, and the music program. The teachers have always supported me in my endeavors and shown the light of Christ in what they do. The academics are challenging and Christ-centered. We are so blessed to have such a great curriculum that puts Christ first in all of our daily activities. The music program reflects the Lutheran tradition, known as the "singing church." At DLHS, the music program is an extension of that. Even though we are small, we always seem to have plenty of talent to sing God's songs.

- Andrew Saenz

DLHS has really prepared me for my future. I can go to college next year without the fear of failing and losing my relationship with God. DLHS has prepared me mentally and spiritually and that is something I will have the rest of my life.

- Sarah Jones

I think the number one reason I love DLHS is that there is such a diverse range of activities that you can do. No matter what you choose, you will always be supported by others. I have always prided myself on being able to make friends with any group I choose. At DLHS, the distinct line that separates people at so many other schools is almost non-existent. Football players do musicals. Computer guys play basketball. The students really are free to pursue whatever they are good at without being cut off from their friends.

- John Langewisch, valedictorian

I love the teacher at DLHS.

- Martha Meineke

DLHS is a place where Christ is the focus of everything. It is clear that Jesus works in and through the people at DLHS towards a common goal: to glorify God.

- J.P. Jensen

DLHS is special because the teachers are always there to help – they got me through high school.

- Mark Rossi

DLHS is a place where you can grow in your faith with your friends. Teachers are willing to share their faith with you. It is great knowing you can openly discuss Christ. I am thankful every day that I attended DLHS. I couldn't imagine going anywhere else.

- Andrew Duensing

The teachers are what make DLHS special because they make the students shine to their full potential. I love everything about DLHS - classes, students, and sports. I believe God brought me to DLHS to have people care for me. It also provided me with the right classes so that I would be prepared for my pre-med program.

- Amanda Edwards

I have learned a lot and grown in my walk with God with the help of DLHS.

- Travis Shelton

It is a special learning environment. I love that it allows you to have close relationships while at school. It has helped me to live a Godly life outside of high school.

- Thomas Trim

Attending DLHS has made a great impact on my life. Looking back, I realize that if I had attended a public school, my relationship with God would be very shaky and unsure. I've watched God work wonders in my life that I probably wouldn't have noticed if I hadn't been attending DLHS. It has ministered to my heart in every way.

- Brhandi Stafford

I love DLHS because of the teachers – they make the school what it is.

- Kari Kjergaard

DLHS is a special place where students are able to take advantage of all the opportunities God has given them. Not only does DLHS prepare you for life, it gives you a chance to share that life with caring teachers and fellow students.

- Katrina Einspahr

I was a transfer student in mid-semester of my senior year. When I was transitioning between schools, one of the most helpful things was the sense of welcoming that I received from the faculty at DLHS. My teachers were more than willing to assist me with anything that I needed in order to catch up with my classmates. I am truly thankful for the help that I received.

- Kyle Edelbrock

I loved the small environment, caring teachers, close friends, and a good moral basis. DLHS taught me to keep my faith in Him through everything.

- Ryan McHenry

DLHS was a place that helped me grow athletically, musically, academically, and spiritually. The teachers are very knowledgeable and genuinely care about the success of a student on a personal level.

- Travis Besel

Since I have been at DLHS, I have learned so much about God and what His word means to me. I have been around great teachers who are willing to help me in every way possible and share their faith with me. I really liked going to DLHS because I learned how to be gentleman. I learned self-discipline.

- Andy Guerin

Over the last four years, DLHS has become a home for most of us. It is a place where we have grown to appreciate how teachers go out of their way to help students.

- Brian Farrington

DLHS gave me the opportunity to excel at sports, education, and in my faith.

- Tyler Moorhead

I always felt as if there were 3-4 people I could easily talk to just walking to a class. Everyone is so nice, the teachers and staff greet you as if they have known you their whole life. Meditation papers, prayer, and devotions drew me close to Him, and I now have the courage to step out into the real world.

- Nate Muneton

I was thinking of going to a public high school until I shadowed at DLHS and a certain teacher talked to me about my decision. The care shown to me even then was always evident during my time at DLHS. My teachers and I have relationships that mean a lot to me. I am so glad that I went to DLHS. I look at my friends who went to public high schools, and I am ten times better off doing what I did.

- Garrett Pelton

I feel like DLHS has been a school that challenged me spiritually. My faith has been tested many times and when I didn't know what to do, I knew the next chapel would help me or I could go to a teacher for help.

- Kim Carrera

DLHS gives a person a chance to play more than one sport and be successful. It is more like a family than a school. Teachers and parents are willing to do anything for a kid who is struggling or just needs comfort.

- Josh Rickey

DLHS is special because of the interactions that students can have in class. I loved DLHS because of the small class sizes and the fact that faith was tied in with school work.

- Teddy Montoya

DLHS was a building block for my future. It helped me prepare for college and gave me information I needed to make it in life. Through all the struggles and joys I had in the classroom, DLHS built me into a more responsible individual – not just academically, but spiritually as well.

- Vanessa Abeyta

Ever since I switched from a public school to DLHS, my relationship with God has grown tremendously. I feel so blessed to have been a part of DLHS, and it not only prepared me for my academic future, but also for my spiritual future. I know my teachers care about my future because they sincerely teach the word of God to plant seeds and water my faith. It means so much to me to say that I graduated from DLHS. I can't thank my teachers enough for the blessings that they have been in my life.

- Lizzie Farland

I think the safe environment helped me feel more secure in everything that I did at DLHS. The teachers helped me out when I asked and made sure that I knew what I was doing in class. I made a lot of new friends.

- Chris Knepe

I felt that knowing God and who He is comes naturally at DLHS.

- Tristan Michel

DLHS is great because you can have more one on one time with teachers. I loved DLHS because it was Christ-centered and taught me a lot.

- Brittany Williamson

The small classroom environment and caring atmosphere helped me to function.

- William Meinert

The teachers at DLHS actually care. DLHS helped me learn more about God.

- Brian Cameron

DLHS is a great place that you can learn about and share Christ. You are never looked down upon for your beliefs. I love the relationships that I made at DLHS. DLHS kept me in my faith and helped me to know what I want to do later in life.

- Krysta Todd

The one thing I love about the school is how the classes are small enough that everyone can be friends with everyone.

- Tim Bradley

I think that I would have gone about trying to find and attend college the wrong way without DLHS. They helped me see my choices and prepared me for the next level.

- Ben Clint

DLHS was the best thing that ever happened to me. My brother passed away during my senior year, and the outreach of the staff, teachers, and students was phenomenal. Even a few months after his passing, teachers continued to ask me how I was doing and if I needed anything. The teachers not only care about me academically, they care about me as a person. It's great to go to a school where some of your friends are teachers. Some of my life's best experiences have happened at DLHS, and I'm really going to miss this place.

- Rachel Leinhos

DLHS is special because God's work is so visible. Teachers and students unashamedly proclaim their faith daily and His rewards are obvious. A student that attends DLHS for four years will be given every tool they need to be a strong Christian in a secular world.

- Kendra Uhl

I love DLHS because of the opportunities I was given in basketball and soccer. God used DLHS to work good in my life because I've never been so confident in life. I cannot wait to see what God has in store for my life. I have been prepared for my future.

- Phil Gielser

The teachers are really serious about the one-to-one help. There are lots of small schools that claim that, but DLHS actually does it.

- Tiffany Tapp