

*Each member of the class of 2007 was given an opportunity to voluntarily write a testimonial about their time at DLHS, not knowing how it would be used. Later, they agreed to let DLHS publish their thoughts.*

“I was not excited four years ago to find out that I was going to a ‘private religious school.’ I was so used to the big public schools and having ‘my style and attitude’ toward everything. After four years I am so glad that I came to DLHS – it changed me and educated me into becoming a better person and becoming closer to God.”

– Marie Zarate

“What makes DLHS special is the teachers – they are the ones who express God’s love in works. They showed me how to witness to others.”

– Jamie Sihrer

“When I first came to DLHS, I was welcomed graciously. The staff made me feel comfortable and gave me peace of mind about my new setting. I know that being at DLHS, if only for my senior year, has given me new knowledge and strength for the future.”

– Sarah Williams

“When I came to DLHS I didn’t know what to expect . . . I grew to love the school, my teachers, and fellow students. I am going to miss the time I spent there.”

– Rich Bland

“I truly believe that the staff and faculty of this school actually care about your well-being now and in the future – which I have not seen at a public school.”

– Preston Hix

“DLHS is more like a family than a school. Don’t get me wrong, it teaches well like any school, but you are really comfortable with the people there. They get to know you as individuals.”

– Tim Winkler

“I liked the Art program!”

– Vicente Gonzalez

“DLHS may not have 500 kids roaming through its halls, but it does have one thing – it is a community. It is a place where teachers become friends and friends become family. It is a place where being the best is more than enough and there is always something to belong to. You don’t have to be a jock or a brain or a goof to be loved here, all you have to be is you. That’s why I love DLHS.”

– Jordan Faulkner

“I should thank God every day for DLHS – great school, great environment.”

– Jacob Swan

“God used DLHS to help me graduate”

– Kyle Joeckel

“I love DLHS because they showed me that I can actually achieve anything I put my mind to. They gave me the strength and courage to face my problems head on and not fall back into my old unhealthy habits. I also love the staff – they helped me so much and showed me how to grow closer to God. I love DLHS – it’s awesome.”

– *Jason Faulkner*

“My mom died during my sophomore year – worst time of my life. DLHS made me realize that I still have so much to live for and so many things to accomplish. They are a family until the end no matter what. I love them with all my heart and owe them my life.”

– *Ryan Clark*

“When you set foot on campus, you’ve set foot in your second home. Spending time at school is fun, and you get to know everybody on a much more personal level. It’s hard not to look around DLHS and not find God present in every little part of it.”

– *Federica Rabiolo*

“DLHS is special because it focuses on Christ and still gives a great education. It is a small school, so you get to know everyone and have personal relationships with all the teachers. They genuinely care for your success. It is a great place to learn, make friends, and grow in your faith.”

– *Matt Beach*

“I love DLHS because of the people there. It has been a blessing to be surrounded by Christian teachers, coaches, and classmates.”

– *Katy Vanderhyde*

“I have really enjoyed school at DLHS. It is evident that God is working through the teachers, staff, and students here to spread the good news of Jesus Christ . . . I am very thankful for my two years at DLHS.”

– *Hannah Schilling*

“When I came to DLHS, I really wasn’t expecting to grow in my faith . . . but junior year Bible came along and really got me close to God and strengthened my faith with Him.”

– *Johnny Garmatz*

“When I was in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade I had two best friends that were going to public school. I was being forced to go to DLHS by my parents. I tried explaining to them that I would do better at a bigger public school. . . I remember one day during my sophomore year – I was having a terrible day and was just in a downer mood. Not only did one teacher seek me out to talk, but three. I was amazed . . . I am so thankful now that my parents made me go there. Not only did DLHS prepare me for college, it helped prepare me for the rest of my life.”

– *Faith Ahlman*

“DLHS is a great place full of opportunities. You are challenged mentally, socially, physically, and encouraged spiritually. I can use the knowledge I have gained to prepare myself to achieve the goals I have set in my life.”

– *Mitch Nathan*

“I will miss DLHS because I have grown so much throughout the process of being here. I felt extremely comfortable and enjoyed every year I spent there.”

– *Nicole Axelson*

“What I love about DLHS is the size; it makes you feel significant, rather than just walking down the halls of some public school with thousands of kids. God used DLHS in my life to produce a lot of good. I became closer to Him, became more outgoing, but most of all I found out who I truly am. DLHS taught me how to study right, work right, and to be a better student.”

– *Sean Utecht*

“DLHS is special because you get to be around teachers and other students who love God and you can pray with them without having to worry about getting in trouble. I love DLHS because I got to play sports and be involved.”

– *Elyse Cattau*

“DLHS has prepared me for college. All the teachers have taught me about life and helped me become who I am today. They have become more than teachers to me. I knew that if I was ever struggling with anything, I could go to them and talk to them about it, and they would pray with me.”

– *Laura Elmshouser*

“The faculty at DLHS pays attention to individual needs and does what they can do to help.”

– *Laura Kirkegaard*

“The teachers and students at DLHS made me feel welcome and safe. The environment was so friendly and gave me the feeling that the school was a family.”

– *Liz Worstell*

“There are a lot of things I didn’t realize about God until I came to DLHS. I have grown closer to Him through the Bible classes, yes, but also through the teachers and coaches who have helped me these past four years. They have continually reminded me of God’s love.”

– *Elizabeth Weidner*

“I became a stronger person and a better person because of DLHS.”

– *Mark Parrott*

“DLHS made me see God in a totally real way – different than I ever had before.”

– *Sam Wyatt*

“I liked chapel, as weird as that sounds; I liked going to a place that helped me grow.”

– *Karina Terrones*

“I did not know anyone who was going to DLHS. But when I got there, everyone made a point to get to know me.”

– *Ashley Hopkins*

“DLHS is special because it is small and the teachers are always there to help.”

– *Felisha Vigil*

“I think I made a great decision going to DLHS, and I have no bad experiences at all from my high school career. I will really miss it – you can’t say that about just anywhere.”

– *Chris Greenburg*

“I love everything about DLHS.”

– *Jovonna Johns*

“DLHS has showed me the way to mature as both a person and a Christian. The faculty is willing to do whatever it takes to help you with anything you need.”

– *Brice Mott*

“DLHS has helped me become closer to God while I was still getting a great education. I was able to play sports at the high school level. The school is small enough that I was able to have one-on-one time with the teachers, and it felt like they really cared about my success.”

– *Tarin Mawhir*

“DLHS is special because of the learning environment – the teachers are good at using humor to help students learn – but they can be serious too, which is good.”

– *Megan Unser*

“DLHS has everything, all the basics, plus Christ.”

– *Joe Leintz*

“I loved DLHS because it is the place for God’s workmanship.”

– *Burapha Sanguanwong*

“Before I came to DLHS and even during my freshmen year, I was a shy, mostly friendless kid who really didn’t have anything going for myself . . . I was in the choir that first year, which meant being in the musical chorus, and I got involved in drama. So the next year I tried out for a part and ended up getting one of the better parts in the show. I made a lot of really good friends and basically got a new family. God really changed me in a short time.”

– *Alex Polzin*

“DLHS has truly been a blessing for me. Being at DLHS really helped to draw me back to God and gave me a heart for missions. I don’t know where I’d be today if God hadn’t brought me to DLHS, but I would definitely not be who I am today.”

– *Graydon Mears*