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Hi! My name is Sarah and I am a junior at Sand Creek High School. I hope that you enjoy learning about me as you peruse my Digital Portfolio. I think as you look around, you'll find that I am unlike many other students my age. Where you see most students concerned with pop-culture and which celebrities are dating one another, I am more concerned with connecting with like-minded individuals. I want to interact with leaders-- the kinds of people who model respect, trust, and kindness and help highlight those things in others to strengthen our community. In addition, I want to work with people who think outside of the box; I want to connect with people who are introspective, but still have a sense of humor.

You'll see in my portfolio that I am taking a full schedule of courses. Among those are Geometry, Civics, and Honors English. English is my favorite class because I love reading and writing. As a matter of fact, I just read Catcher In the Rye by J.D. Salinger and loved the novel because I was able to connect with the main character, Holden Caulfield in many ways. Holden, like me, is rebellious, but kind hearted. He seems to be looking for someone-- anyone-- who will just listen.

Coincidentally, one of the most valuable pieces of advice I've ever received came in the form of a short phrase: "Listen and Silent have the same letters for a reason." I think that this means that it is important for a person to maintain silence and not offer advice or ask questions during a conversation until the speaker has said everything they need to say. This helps people to feel *heard*, which I think is extremely important.

Other things I find important are: confidence, creativity, doing the right thing (even when others try to get you to do something else), respecting others, and taking care of myself, both physically and mentally. I admire these things in others, and am trying my best to grow in these areas personally. I hope that I set a good example for the kids in my family, and that someday, I can set a good example for my children if I ever have a family of my own.

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