

# EYES TO THE FUTURE

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TEAM A

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## SELECTIONS FROM OUR SCRAPBOOKS

**Bball99: Thursday, May. 20, 1999**

When I came to this program I thought all we could do was write letters to one another in this group. I had no idea it would be this fun. We can talk to our highschool mentors and our adult mebtors. We also get to do projects hving somethign to do with our adult mentors job! I heard we are gonng to be able to have a party to meet our adult mentors.

**B.A. is fine: Thursday, May. 27, 1999**

The frist time that was here,i was nervous because i thought there was only going to be 8th grades but there was sevenths grade.So it was okay.

**B.A. is fine: Thursday, May. 27, 1999**

Date: 5/6/99  
From: Jewel  
Subject: hi Raivyne, B.A., Bball99, and Chici

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Getting around in highschool, I thought, was going to be tough. When I came to this program I met Raivine (screen name) She goes to Somerville High. She told me that she thought the same thing, but it doesn't take to long to figure out the highschool.

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Math and science are the two hardest classes in the highschool. Their are different levels of math. IN the freshman year you can take algebra 1 or 2. Algerbra 2 is the harder one because it is the advanced section of algebra. When you get into an higher grade you take geometry and when you become a senior you can take calculus if you want. Calculus is really tough!

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By: Jewel  
Date: 4/29/99 2:41PM

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Subject: team: Survey answers

Great job collecting all of your information. How do you think you could use this info to help people who get headaches?? One idea would be to take the answers you got from the survey and present them in a way that a reader could easily understand the cause and effect of the survey results. For instance, if you surveyed 10 people and 7 of them responded "stressed" to question #3, you could conclude that the cause of headaches in 70% of those surveyed was due to stress. You could then address the problem with ways of reducing stress to help prevent headaches, or something like that. Anyway, I just hope that your enjoying your project and it is not causing YOU any headaches!! You're pictures in Doing Science are cool, You guys have great computers, trade you?! Well, enjoy your day today and I hope to hear from you...Jewel.

she gave us a lot of wonderful comments

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Date: 4/15/99  
From: Jewel  
Subject: Reply: MY TEAM!

Your science project idea is great... You don't have to use expensive equipment to do a really good "experiment". Taking a survey to find out why/when teens get headaches will provide all of you with some very good information that you can use in your own lives. You may want to start your project first by "brainstorming" and using your own experiences to figure out what type of questions to put into your survey (when and why do you all get headaches?). For example, do you get headaches when your studying for a test? If many teens respond "yes" to this question, you could take your experiment further and try to solve this problem. Your team could try relaxation techniques like meditation or physical activity like stretching exercises prior to an exam. If some of you stop getting headaches before exams, then maybe, just maybe you have figured out some way of preventing headaches in teens who experience them in this situation. OK, so maybe I am taking this a bit far, but it would be cool if it worked! Anyway, I think that conducting a survey can provide a lot of information that can be used to benefit many people in different ways. Most importantly, you all should have fun doing the project together. Let me know how your project is progressing and I would love to help out in any way...Smile, its spring!  
-Jewel

**Bball99: Thursday, May. 20, 1999**

Date: 4/8/99  
From: Jewel  
Subject: Reply: Bball99

Hi Bball99, Very cool name! Are you interested in the medical field? I am actually not a physician, but a Physician Assistant(PA). Basically, I work with a supervising physician who oversees my work and I am able to do many things that a physician would do in taking care of patients. The number of years spent in school to become a PA is less than the time spent in school to become a physician. Right now I am working at Boston Medical Center (University Hospital) and work with patients who have heart problems. I work in the electrophysiology department. We see patients who have abnormal heart rates and rhythms. (ie. a normal heart rate is between 60-100 beats per minute, our patients may have heart rates as low as 20 bpm and as high as 300 bpm.) These abnormal rates can make patients very sick. So, we treat them with medicines, pacemakers, or implantable defibrillators. These things help them maintain a normal heart rate which allows them to do their daily activities without feeling bad. and, Oh yeah, I LOVE MY JOB!!! Talk soon, Jewel

she is really fun to talk to

**Bball99: Thursday, May. 20, 1999**

By: Bball99  
Date: 4/15/99 3:35PM

- Survey Questions (You can pick more than one choice)
1. What time of the day do you get headaches? A. Morning B. Night C. In School D. After School
  2. Do you get headaches when you are on a A. Full Stomach B. Empty Stomach
  3. When you have a headache are you A. Stressed B. Relaxed
  4. Do you get headaches when it's A. Noisy B. Quiet C. Bright D. Dim
  5. Have you ever gone to the doctor to get medication for headaches? A. Yes B. No
  6. Does anyone else in your family have headaches often? A. Yes B. No

my group's survey

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Date: 5/13/99 3:29PM

results of survey

question # least- greatest

1 morning, afterschool, night, in school

2 full, empty

3 relaxed, stressed

4 dim, quiet, bright, noisy

5 yes, no

6 no, yes

Answers to questions 7-10 on next entry! got to go!

final results



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TEAM B

AALIYAH #1, JR TLUVA, MISSY

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Adult Mentor: oop

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## SELECTIONS FROM OUR SCRAPBOOKS

**Aaliyah #1: Thursday, Mar. 25, 1999**

First of all to be honest i thought that this program was very dumb, but then one day i decided to give it a try when my science teacher Mrs. Richmond and Mrs. Crowe ask me if i would like to give it a try. I said yes but still I thought it was pretty dumb. So anyway when I came I get to send message and write message. I thought that was pretty cool and as i come more and more to the program i am enjoying every single thing i do this program is really a coll program for girls as a matter of fact I think that every girl should try this program you might learn more about science, math and technology. So i think this is pretty cool for girls and i think that they going to like it.

**Missy: Tuesday, May. 25, 1999**

Date: 5/6/99  
 From: Missy  
 Subject: HELLO PEOPLE!!

S'UP PEOPLE? HOWZ IT GOING? i'M REALLY BORED i NEED SOMETHING TODO REALLY BAD!!!!!! I WANT TO HAVE SOME FUN!!!!!! DOES ANY ONE OUT THERE EVR GET THE FEELING THAT THEIR NOT UNDERSTOOD AND WHEN THEY TELL THEIR FRIENDS THEY DONT LIKE SOMETHING AND IT RELLY HURTS THEM WHEN THEY DO IT, THAT FRIEND DOES NOT SEEM TO UNDERSTAND AND KEEPS ON DOING IT? PLEASE RESPOND!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I wanted to get this off my chest so i typed it and hoped someone out there would understand. it made me feel good to get messages back from people who understood where i was coming from.

**Missy: Tuesday, May. 25, 1999**

Date: 5/13/99  
 From: Roxygrrl  
 Subject: Reply: HELLO PEOPLE!!

GRRRRRR...i hat that too...believe me...ive had it happen so many times...

This is one of the messages i got back.

**Missy: Tuesday, May. 25, 1999**

Date: 5/20/99  
From: Aaliyah #1  
Subject: Reply: HELLO PEOPLE!!

I hate it when no one pays attention to me especially my friends. When they do that i feel like jumping on them and smack them as hard as i can't. When they do something that i don't like i gave them a taste of they own medicine.

This is another message i got back.

**JRTluva: Thursday, May. 27, 1999**

Date: 5/22/99  
From: BioLabIV  
Subject: Reply: to boilab-- I finally did it!!!!

hey.. nice.. glad you can do that profile.. it was interestin to learn about you.. anyone else???

biolabIV

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**Missy: Thursday, May. 6, 1999**

Date: 3/10/99  
From: Missy  
Subject: women i admire

So these are two women i admire: First there's my mom. she's done evrything to make sure i grow up right and i admire that alot. she doesn't have to care so much but she does. Second there's celion doin. She grew up in a family of like 12 children and she had a dream and she grew up and achieved that dream. I want to be able to achieved my dream! she gives me hope!!

THIS IS THE WOMEN I ADMIRE AND I LIKE WHAT I WROTE!

**JRTluva: Thursday, May. 27, 1999**

Date: 5/18/99  
From: BioLabIV  
Subject: Hey everyone!

Sorry for not saying anything in such a long time.. This week's been hectic 'cause we've had AP exams and tennis matches.. etc.

The dork who hit me in his black pontiac was on the WRONG SIDE of the road doing way above speed limit. He didn't even try to break when he hit us (at around 45-50 mph).. my mom's car is gone.. it's getting junked..

Happier news.. Senior PROM was last FRIDAY!! I had an awesome time.. but the music stunk..

How's your projects going? I judged at the WSNS science fair.. i didn't see any of you.. did you guys see me? There were some pretty cool projects... I gave some good scores, unfortunately, i had to give a really low score of 20 something.. but oh well...

talk to u soon BioLabIV

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Date: 5/20/99  
From: Missy  
Subject: to boilab-- I finally did it!!!!

Sex: Female

Age:13

Height: 5'4and a quater What do you remember most about this year? this dance at my school, it was so embarassing Favorite TV Shows: Unhappily ever after, buffy the Vampire slayer, and Felecity What`s on your mouse pad? i don't have a computer at home Favorite board Games? i don't play alot of board games but scramble if i had to choose Favorite Sound: a slow stream Favorite Smell: white roses Drinks, with or without ice cubes: W/ ice cubes, sometimes.

What`s your favorite flavor of Snapple? this pink one i love the taste of it. Favorite movie(s): Titanic, Romeo and Juliet, the one made in the 60's, I haven't seen the one made in the 90's, also West Side Story Which one, Coke or Pepsi? Pepsi, but I prefer Sprite and surge

Which kind of milk is your favorite? i like chocolate What is your favorite brand of gum? winterfresh and big red What is your favorite quote? I'n not perfect but I'm close enough! Worst feeling in the world: Rejection from a really cute boy and having a close friend tell all your secrets Best feeling in the world: Knowing that someone loves and cares about me, Yes oh Yes!!!!!! I tottally agree!!!!!!

Favorite thing to do on a weekend: sleep!!!!!! What is the first thing you thought of this morning? More Mcas NOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!!!!! Do you get motion sickness? no Roller coasters--deadly or exciting? i don' no how to but i guess excitng yet deadly. Pen or pencil: erasable pen Do you sleep with a stuffed animal? I use to before i lost it. Thunderstorms--cool or scary? Cool, and a little scary but that's what makes it so cool. What do you wear to bed? a beautiful gold night gown, when it's not dirty. Boxers or Briefs? i don't wear either, but boxers. If you could streak in front of one person`s house, who would it be? No thanks, well maybe this one boy. Just kidding!!!!!!

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If you could do anything to the person you hated the most, what would you do? Yell at them at the top of my lungs, or make them feel as bad as i do at the time.

What`s under your bed? shoes and papers Broken the law? Of course not!!  
Cheated on a test? Yup Do you believe in... Love? Yes! God? yes. Which is better... oranges or apples? apples Rather... TV or Radio? both but maybe radio more, no tv,no radio.. Stuff on the opposite sex..... What do you notice first? cute or not, then nice or not Must have Personality traits?understanding and sweet Other qualities? sensitivity, caring, loving, honesty, humor, Hair- curly or straight? none preferred over the other Hair- long or short? doesn't matter Things you love the most about `em? When he looks into ur eyes and u know that he loves u.. no words needed.. Thing you did to impress one: i flashed him a couple of times and i use to pay for things for him When was the last time you .... Pulled your best prank? i dont remeber Got beaten up? Nope What is... Your most prized and important possession? my trophies. Your bedroom like? Very nice when clean.. horrific when dirty The most desperate thing anyone has said to you? will you do this for me, Please I love you? The dumbest thing you ever did? thought a guy would like me if i flashed him. The most bizarre thing you`ve ever seen? dunno What do you think about... Abortion? i think it's the mothers decision, personally i don't a person should kill an inicent child for their mistakes. Bill Clinton? He's the president.. so let him do his job religion? Christain Baptist Who... Makes you laugh the most? aprtrick Who do you have a crush on? RM Who you go to for advice? my girls Who do you hate? not many Knows the most about you? annie and my other girls. Has it easier, guys or girls? Both has it bad Best lyrics from a song? i will always love you. Kids? 4 MORE FUNNY STUFFS!! 2.Nicknames: Missy, angel lil' cherub 3.Favorite Word: love 4.Home town: jacmel haiti5.Town you live in now: Somerville 6.Croutons or Bacon Bits? Either or 7.Favorite Salad Dressing? Italian and french 8.Shampoo & Conditioner: creme of nature 9.Have you ever gone skinny dipping? nope 10.Do you make fun of people? only when they've been mean to me and when i don't like something about them. 11.Favorite Color? blue 12.Have you ever been convicted of a crime? nope 13.One pillow or Two? two 14.Pets: none favorite type of music: i like all types but R&B

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this is my reply!

**JRTluva: Thursday, May. 27, 1999**

Date: 5/4/99  
From: oop  
Subject: Reply: what i look like

Nice website, BioLabIV! I loved the baby pics! By the way, it seems that some of the links are broken. I was not able to view 4 out of 5 of your school pictures.

I also have a little tip for you. If you are going to include a lot of pictures on your website, it might be easier for people with slow internet access if you put your pictures on different pages and then linked to them all from an intro page. That way, no one has to wait too long to download your home page. Just an idea!

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**Missy: Thursday, May. 20, 1999**

Date: 3/11/99  
From: BioLabIV  
Subject: Salutations!

Greetings to whoever logs on and reads my message,

Let me be the first person to introduce myself. I am a senior at Somerville High School. I plan on majoring in Biology in college w/ a concentration in molecular biology. My screen name, BioLabIV, is my career goal. In a BioLabIV, you get to work w/ cool stuff like Ebola Zaire and Marburg - the diseases which can kill you in days... hehehe.. pretty cool, eh?

I love science. It is all that I ever want to do from now on. Any questions? ask me... if you want to.

Hey, today I gave a practice talk to my lab members from Whitehead Institute.. they mauled my slides and I have to change all of them.. hahaha... oh well, better them than my judges.. You see, I have to give this talk at Harvard Med School this saturday and my lab members are the guinie (i must've spelled that wrong) pigs... ok.. talk to u later.. gotta go "touch up" my presentation.. bye!! hope to hear from you soon

BioLabIV

This the first message i ever got from BoilabV.

**Aaliyah #1: Thursday, May. 20, 1999**

I think that math and science in high school is going to be very difficult for me because i really hate math and i'am not that good in science. So to me math in science in high school will be pretty boring especially math.

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By: BioLabIV  
Date: 5/5/99 3:36PM

hey, that's pretty good progress

one idea that you might want to consider is to download songs from certain websites such as [www.audiofind.com](http://www.audiofind.com) and then upload them into your website so that other people can download the songs from YOUR website... it's like a song warehouse..

they have songs on the computer in files called MP3. in most cases a lot of the songs are illegally burned (copied) but the ones at [www.audiofind.com](http://www.audiofind.com) are legal maybe that's an idea u can look into. you can listen to nsync, or mariah carey from the computer!! they have files called hero.mp3 or hardest\_thing.mp3 after you have these files downloaded into your computer you can play them on winamp

BioLabIV

I like this message because it makes me think of our project and the progress we're making.

**Aaliyah #1: Thursday, May. 20, 1999**

Hey what's up it has been a long time since we've talk. So anyway let me tell you a little something something about my science project it is so cool and nice.I really enjoy it because we were making a website on a bunch of talented artist.It was so fun because i got to see they picture and learn somethings about them.The thing i hated about this project was that the computers were slow and we had to stay after school every tuesday.

**JRTluva: Thursday, May. 20, 1999**

By: oop  
Date: 4/30/99 1:42PM

Hey! That looks great! I am very impressed with the look of your website.  
Keep up the good work!

You might want to think about adding links to other musical sites. For  
example, a link on the Mariah Carey site to some other sites that people  
have made of her.

Or, you could add a way for people to send you feedback.

The picture layouts look really good!

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Date: 5/5/99 3:36PM

hey, that's pretty good progress

one idea that you might want to consider is to download songs from certain  
websites such as [www.audiofind.com](http://www.audiofind.com) and then upload them into your website  
so that other people can download the songs from YOUR website... it's like  
a song warehouse..

they have songs on the computer in files called MP3. in most cases a lot of  
the songs are illegally burned (copied) but the ones at [www.audiofind.com](http://www.audiofind.com)  
are legal maybe that's an idea u can look into. you can listen to nsync, or  
mariah carey from the computer!! they have files called hero.mp3 or  
hardest\_thing.mp3 after you have these files downloaded into your computer  
you can play them on winamp

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**Missy: Thursday, May. 6, 1999**

Date: 4/2/99  
From: oop  
Subject: Reply: hey oop

Hello, Missy, and everyone else. I am sorry it took me so long to respond. I've been teaching a course and have been out of my office for most of this week.

My job title is Artificial Intelligence Engineer, but I consider myself a computer scientist. I do research on lots of really cool things. I don't do one particular thing, but many different types of things. I do some programming and designing of systems, I develop spoken language dialogue systems, I do research on evaluation techniques, I do a lot of computational linguistics (understanding human speech and giving computers the ability to talk to and understand humans), and I also teach what I know to others.

That may have been too broad and confusing a description. I feel very lucky to have my job because I am constantly learning new things. It's more than just programming -- it's basically making computers interact with human more easily.

I have to run to a meeting now but I will write more later.

-oop

**THIS WAS THE FIRST MESSAGE I GOT FROM MY MENTOR!**

**Missy: Thursday, May. 20, 1999**

Date: 5/14/99  
From: oop  
Subject: Reply: Reply: hey!

I have been checking out the progress on your project. I can see it in the "Doing Science" section. It looks pretty good so far! I have also seen a couple of pictures of you working on the project. You seem to be having such a good time! I really enjoy working in small groups on some of my projects. It's a great way to bounce ideas off other people and get other opinions. I do some of my work by myself and then meet with a larger group for other parts. It's amazing how many more ideas a group can come up with as opposed to just one person alone!

**I like this message because it's from our adult mentor and she is advising us on our project!**

**JRTluva: Thursday, May. 20, 1999**

Date: 5/14/99  
From: oop  
Subject: Reply: Reply: hey!

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i like this message because i like what she said and it is fun in eyes to the future. i also think that is good that she takes the time to read everything and look at our work.



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TEAM C

CALIG, FPJLUVA

High-School Mentor: tomato623  
Adult Mentor: ACGT

West Somerville Neighborhood School  
June, 1999

Well this is my initial reflection. I will miss coming after school and writing to my mentor. I will miss Clare too.

## SELECTIONS FROM OUR SCRAPBOOKS

**Cali6: Thursday, May. 13, 1999**

Date: 3/19/99  
From: tomato623  
Subject: READ CALI6

hey.. glad to hear that you are interested in sciences. WOW..Nuclear physics and Biochemistry. That's tough stuff..but it's also lots of fun. I am considering going into the field of Bioengineering next year in college. I may want to specialize in the field of bioengineering of the brain. We have some fantastic physics in the high school. Well...if you get Mr. [X] next year...here's a tip...when he gives you a test on a computer, you can always go back to the beginning and change the answers. :)... My physics teacher Mr. [X] is the sweetest guy!...check back with me... tomato623

**Cali6: Thursday, May. 13, 1999**

Date: 3/21/99  
From: tomato623  
Subject: READ CALI6

hey.... well, starting off, i will be attending Syracuse University in New York next year if my parents let me. I read that you are upset because you will not be in honors science next year in 9th grade. Well, if you talk to your guidance counselor and have consent of your parents, you can request a honors class. And the chemistry thing,not everyone in 10th grade have to take chemistry but it is most likely the next level class to take. After that, your junior and senior year, you can pick Advanced Placement Bio, Chem or Physics. And sadly, no. I don't have a boyfriend. u?..... talk to you later.tomato623

when she 1st told me about herself

**Cali6: Thursday, May. 20, 1999**

Hello this is CALI6. i was in the program last year. I like dit but i really like it this year. Last year the site was not as good as it is this year. This year me have many things to do and write on. I really injoyed myself and i was always would like to remenber the good times i had working on my science poject and when i was writing to my mentor. I will miss all this. so BYE ..... ='(

Sincerely, CALI6

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**Cali6: Saturday, May. 22, 1999**

My role models in Science would be my science teacher in 5th-6th grade Ms.Goulloud, She was the 1 to get me interested in science. AND i would also have to say Ms.Crowe(my teacher in 7th-8th grade) is also my role moldel in the feild of science. SHe was the one that really made my see how fun and interesting science really is. So i thank Ms.Goulloud and Ms. Crowe for always been there 4 me and been that creting person.

I really don't like math very much so i don't have a role model.

## SELECTIONS FROM OUR SCRAPBOOKS

**Cali6: Thursday, May. 13, 1999**

Date: 3/24/99  
From: tomato623  
Subject: READ CALI6

describing my self.

i am 16 and chinese. My birthday is june 23 1982. So i'm the youngest person in senior class. i have no pets. i play tennis on the school team. Pretty short, around 5'2. And weight arond 135. Pretty steep for someone my height. YIKES! My favorite things to do is to have a quite day down at the Cape, walks down bolyston street around 9pm, anything artsy or wild with my best buddy [c]. i have a special spot in a coffe shop where i like to sit and just drink hot chocolate. I love movies and SHOES!. SHOES ARE ESSENTIAL!...BUY GOOD SHOES! i love to read. Most people think victorian writers are boring but i find them less boring. I love the Brontes. This is really scary, i have three seasons of buffy taped. i don't know what i am going to do with them, but i have them taped. my favorite movie is FERRIS BULLER'S DAY OUT....IF YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THIS MOVIE. RENT IT! i am a very random person, you probably noticed from what you've read so far. I say what ever comes to mind in no particular order and some things have absolutely no connection with anything. i love mushrooms. i listen to alternative. peral jam, rem, garbage, alanis, blur, that kind of stuff. i can't draw worth a damn but i can carry a tune. AND I TALK FOREVER!.....check back with me.

she told me alot more about her left

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**Cali6: Thursday, May. 20, 1999**

well I will go to Somerville High next year. i will be a 9th grader there. I already know I that i am in Algraber #1 and i an in standerd BIOLOGY. I really wanted to be in honors Biology. Could not be in the class because of my grade in the CTBS READING CONPROHENTION. i got a 7.2 and i need a 8.2. Well i am happy i am going to Somerville High and not the to a Natick School. Well i really like MATH and SCIENCE. I can't wait till i got to high school and get involed. WELL I GTG BYE

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**Cali6: Thursday, May. 13, 1999**

By: Cali6

Date: 5/7/99 6:37PM

hello this is cali6. today my charts of my family was put up. I have 5 people in my family. my father ([A]), my mother([n]), my older sister([Y]),my little sister([J]), and me ([D]). i survayed them on the 4 different traits. i am sorry i haven't writen to u. Well here is some of what I have been doing for the science project. bye =)

P.S. Today 5/7/99 was my heredity test i got a 110(A+). i also had to draw a DNA double helix and i also got an A+. Now i know what AGCT stands 4.

well bye =D

Here is when i told my mentor about my charts and the data table

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**Cali6: Thursday, May. 13, 1999**

Date: 4/1/99  
From: ACGT  
Subject: Hi

Hi,

ACGT here. I finally made it on-line. First, I will tell you a little about myself and then later I will answer some of your questions. I am a biologist doing research in conservation genetics and ecology. I use genetics to answer some cool questions about ecology. I manage a DNA Sequencing Lab where I get to do my own research and help others with there experiments.

Since I was in second grade, I have wanted to be a biologist. I wanted to study marine mammals and that is what I did before I came here.

Talk to you soon - ACGT

The 1st time she wrote to me

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**Cali6: Sunday, May. 16, 1999**

Well these are my final thoughts about "Eyes to the Future" Well i enjoyed myself. i really liked it these year than last year. This year we were allowed to do science experiments we had more involvement with the high school girls and are mentors. My picture was put up i really like that. Well i really enjoyed myself and i recommend this after school program to any student in 7th-8th grade. Because you get to meet many different people and u get to know them better. That at the end u get to see them and talk to them in person u are amazed and say "wow! i talked to u like for 3-4 months and i pictured u different." Well bye 4 know. i hope i can do this again and i will be able to be 1 of the high school girls. I would like to thank my high school girl(tomato623), my mentor(ACGT), and ms.crowe(my science teacher), Clair, and Ms. Richmond. For all the help and THANK U!!!!!!!

sincerely, CALI6 =) bye

PS. to ACGT, thank u. U have really helped me. Now i want to really study hard and go to collage and get a degree in the field of science. I always have but u really help me clear the way and in seeing how the field of science is fun and not all work. THANK U!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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## TEAM D

LIL KIM #1, ROADDOGG, RUFF RYDER

High-School Mentor: cerise  
Adult Mentor: fifi coquette

West Somerville Neighborhood School  
June, 1999

## SELECTIONS FROM OUR SCRAPBOOKS

**Ruff Ryder: Thursday, Mar. 11, 1999**

Well, this seems pretty cool. I like to go to Middle Skool chat, cuz it's like talkin in a chat room only no perverted people tryin to get with you. I wish that there were mo' people from other skoolz cuz it gets tiring talkin 2 tha same people.

**Roaddogg: Thursday, May. 20, 1999**

When I first started eyes to the future I didn't really know what to expect. What I really didn't expect was work. But obviously we did get it. It work wasn't too bad but i wish that was not part of the program. I am looking forward to meeting my highschool and adult mentors. I think that will be fun.

## SELECTIONS FROM OUR SCRAPBOOKS

**Ruff Ryder: Thursday, Mar. 11, 1999**

I don't really know too much about women in science. MOstly just men like Einstien and Bell, Edison, Carver, etc. Why aint tha women gettin their props?

**Ruff Ryder: Thursday, May. 20, 1999**

I'm glad that now i know about tha women in science and that they DO exist even tho they dont get rcognized az much az tha men do... but wut else iz new, huh? I think its good that we got 2 have women mentorz who r scientists so that we know that all tha scientist and all the good scientists in tha world aint men... like fifi coquette my mentor and of course Ms. Crowe tha greatest science teacher EVER!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Roaddogg: Thursday, May. 20, 1999**

My role model in Science in Ms. Crowe. Ms. Crowe is a wonderful teacher and she ia really great with kids and understanding how their minds work. Ms. Crowe is the smartest person I know and I really wish that some day I will be as gifted as she is.

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**Roaddogg: Thursday, May. 20, 1999**

I am looking forward to going to the highschool alot. I think I will meet alot of new people and GUYS!!!! GUYS are always good. I don't think I will have that much problems getting around. I think I might be confused at first but after a while I will get the hang of it. I also know alot of people up there so I can always ask then for directions if i ever see them. Or maybe I will meet someone who is in alot of my classes so we can travel around the school together and not alone. I doubt that will happen though.

**Ruff Ryder: Thursday, May. 20, 1999**

I guess that ill get around o.k. in h.s. like 2pac said "I get Around". all that teachers or most of them make it sound mad skary but my frendz say that its not 2 bad. im still kinda if-fy about it cuz its like 50 million tizez bigger than this skool and it will be a HUGE change so.... however i am still very excited about it and I kant wait!!!! I really lyke my klasses and i got tha 2 electivez that I wanted and Im in all honorz except 4 Math cuz I have 2 be in Algebra 1 again... grrr. But I guess ill do even better since ill already know most of the stuff and Algebra 2 would be really hard.

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**Ruff Ryder: Thursday, May. 20, 1999**

Im in honorz biology at tha high skool which I guess iz good, but it soundz kinda hard. im skared that ill have a million poundz of homework and no free tyme which iz like a nitemare. My frendz say its not hard, but i dont think theyre in honorz biology and i didnt think of asking my mentor which iz kind of stupid since thats what shez there 4. i think ill ask her after im dun with my scrapbook im in algebra 1 again. ugh! i HATE MATH@#%\$ all thoz stupid numberz. i mean when am i ever gonna uze most of that stuff, like dividing letters when do we ever divide LETTERZ in life????????!!!! HUH????????!!!!\*#\$@%&\*!#\$

## SELECTIONS FROM OUR SCRAPBOOKS

**Roaddogg: Thursday, Apr. 15, 1999**

By: Ruff Ryder  
Date: 4/15/99 3:22PM

Procedure:

we will go outside at different times of the day around 10:45 A.M., 12:50 P.M. and 2:45 P.M. to find out how our shadows differ from one time of the day to the next. We will do this by measuring our shadows with a yard stick. We will record our results and compare the data. We will also record the different postions of our shadows

Hypothesis:

The sun casts different shadows because it is in different postions during the day. In the afternoon the shadows are longer. We also think that the shadows will be in different postions during the day.

Question--- How many trials do you think we should do for each time?

I choose this entry for my scrapbook because this is the first thing I am putting in it and i want to rememeber it.

**Ruff Ryder: Tuesday, May. 4, 1999**

O.k. so far me, [I] and [Y]'s project iz goin pretty well. But [Y] hasn't been there when me and [L] have so we haven't gotten to do it with her. But me and [L] did it once. It's pretty easy and Claire helped us out with it. But we need to do some more trialz.

**Roaddogg: Thursday, May. 6, 1999**

By: fifi coquette  
Date: 4/16/99 5:09PM

what is it about the sun's position that makes your shadow change length?  
is it something that you can measure?

fifi wrote to ruff ryder and i

**Ruff Ryder: Thursday, May. 20, 1999**

Me and Roaddoagg and Lil' Kim r havin trubble with our project. it's hard 2 measure shadaowz WHEN U DON'T 1/2 ONE CUZ THERE IZ NO SUN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! KIND OF FRUSTRATIN.

**Ruff Ryder: Thursday, May. 20, 1999**

Sorry 2 say but we never got that phar on our science project. 4 a couple weeks it wuz really dark and we had no shadowz. And i guess we just plain 4got 2 do it during skool and 2day were writin in our skrapbooks

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**Roaddogg: Thursday, May. 20, 1999**

My carrer is going to be working with deaf/blind and mentally and/or physical challenged teenagers and young adults. I got interested in that feild because my mom does it and i help her alot at work with the students and I find it so very interesting. I love it!!!!

**Ruff Ryder: Thursday, May. 27, 1999**

fifi coquette iz my adult mentor. she taught me that astronomers have sensez of humor too. and they dont always uze REALLY BIG WORDZ. thats cool. i liked learnin about her kareer and i think its kool that her huzband and her r in tha same field of science. my planz 4 a career dont involve science or math, at least not in a big way i dont think. i like 2 write and i luv hip-hop/rap so i think i wanna be a writer 4 a hip-hop magazine and/or a teacher of really little kidz cuz that would be pretty fun and easier than people my age

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Written by Lil Kim #1, Roaddogg, Ruff Ryder

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**Roaddogg: Thursday, May. 27, 1999**

Over all I thought the program was ok. I didn't like the science projects though. I am looking forward to meeting my mentors alot. The program waz fun by hanging out with friends and exchanging messages with mentors.

**Ruff Ryder: Thursday, May. 27, 1999**

this wuz a very great experience and im glad i did it be-4 i left elementary skool. maybe i could even be a high skool mentor next year if im not 2 buzy of course. THANX CLAIRE AND MS. CROWE 4 GETTING ME INVOLVED IN THIS AND ESPECIALLY MS. CROWE 4 TEACHER-PRESSURING ME 2 JOIN

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TEAM E

FINEST 01. JULY. ROXYGRRL

High-School Mentor: Ah Foong  
Adult Mentor: Puddle

West Somerville Neighborhood School  
June, 1999

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Written by finest 01, July, Roxygrrl

I though this program would be more fun at the begining. Having a web site is cool though.

- July

i really like eyes to the future because i learned a lot about engenering an more than i need to know about the high school . eyes to the future is awsome cuz you can talk to your mentors about the things that u don't know . eyes to the future is wonderful and if i was here next year i would do it again

- Finest 01

## SELECTIONS FROM OUR SCRAPBOOKS

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**Roxygrrl: Thursday, May. 13, 1999**

By: Roxygrrl  
Date: 5/13/99 2:51PM

We haven't tested our bridge yet...but I have HIGH hopes and think it will hold at least 5 pounds...the gumdrops were pretty sticky and the linguini broke very easily, but overall i think we constructed a really good bridge that is nice and sturdy. It may not be too attractive and neat, but what is important is that we gave ourselves a challenge, planned out how we would go about doing it, and used team work to complete it...i don't think anything matters as much as that...(RED are MY personal favorite!!!)

this message is my thoughts on what this whole program is about...team work and learning to prepare us for the future.

Written by finest 01, July, Roxygrrl

As a role model I'd pick my mother. She works hard and takes great care of me. She helps me with homework and anything else I may want. I hope to be like her when I get older. She is the best.

- July

## SELECTIONS FROM OUR SCRAPBOOKS

**finest 01: Thursday, May. 13, 1999**

I admire my mentor that is his cuz she is in a lot of clubs and she is really good at answering my questions and at giving advice

**finest 01: Thursday, May. 13, 1999**

I admire my mom cuz she's a really brave person and she's really great at math she is a really helpful mom I love her a lot .

Written by finest 01, July, Roxygrrl

I don't think High School will be that scary. I just worry about carrying all those books.

- July

## SELECTIONS FROM OUR SCRAPBOOKS

**Roxygrrl: Thursday, Mar. 18, 1999**

Date: 3/18/99  
From: Roxygrrl  
Subject: hi ah foong

Hi. I am Roxygrrl...i chose that name because i luv roxy stuff...i also luv chocolate, gymnastics, spring, and french fries. I am about to attend somerville high, because i am in eighth grade. I have two sisters that go there already, and they luv it, but we are very different and I think I will think otherwise. Do you have any tips that are important for me to know next year so that i can enjoy SHS...cuz I REALLY don't wanna go there...ANY info will help...THANX a BUNCH...BYE!!!

I think this message portrays me as nervous about SHS...at the end of the program i will compare it to what i think then to see what i have learned and how much my hs grrl has helped me.

**finest 01: Thursday, May. 13, 1999**

Date: 4/30/99  
From: Ah Foong  
Subject: Spring break

How was everyone's spring break? Have fun? I was at NYC babysitting my bro and sisters and cousins....Hey, Roxygrrl, do you wanna babysit my little siblings? hehe! Theyr'e little devils!! jk, you know I love them.... ^\_^

How's you're project? Going okay? Just make sure you don't make a mess everywhere....Did any linguini break? did you use one piece (peice?) of linguini or two?

c-ya ~Ah Foong

My friend says that the Math in HS is really hard. She wasn't taught the same Math in 8th grade

- July

## SELECTIONS FROM OUR SCRAPBOOKS

**Roxygrrl: Thursday, May. 13, 1999**

Date: 3/24/99  
From: Roxygrrl  
Subject: my subs. next year...

Hi Ah FOONG!!! s'me, roxygrrl...next year I'm taking Art major 1 cuz i luv art muchly...im also taking spanish sequence...is the drama good there??? my sisters that go there say that it is bad cuz the teacher doesn't even wanna be there and doesnt know what to do...but i dunno...so that's why i didnt take that elective. but if i don't get into art major then ill do that... (like u really care?!?! ) so, what do u think of these classes...like, did i make good choices???? thanx, \*\*\*(:<3roxyGrrl<3\*)\*\*\*

these are the things i want to do in high school but i am confused about which ones to take...

**Roxygrrl: Thursday, May. 13, 1999**

Date: 3/29/99  
From: Ah Foong  
Subject: Reply: my subs. next year...

If you really wanna take Art Major, then I say go for it! I really don't know about taking drama tho. I have the teacher for my AP English 3, and to tell you the truth, she's not all that bad....it's just on some days. But everyone has those days, right?

If you really, really, really enjoy drawing and doing "artsy stuff" (couldn't find the right phrase ^^^) go ahead and take art major. Remember, you still got three more years ahead of you to take more electives. ^\_\_\_\_^

Ah Foong

this gives me the helpful opinion from someone else about what i should take...i have decided to take art major 1

Science projects were really fun. I wish that we spent more time on the projects than the computer. I won't forget the making of our sticky bridge.

- July

## SELECTIONS FROM OUR SCRAPBOOKS

**July: Tuesday, May. 4, 1999**

By: Puddle  
Date: 5/3/99 1:39PM

I haven't heard from you guy's on how the bridge turned out. But I have been told that some pictures were taken. Here are some scientific questions that should be asked during and after making a design.

Did it go as planned: what was surprising? Was it possible to make changes to the paper design while building? Are the changes recorded on paper and attached to the original design? If you were going to make it again what would you change. It takes discipline to do this type of work after a design has been built. But from my experience if I don't do the summery work I get bit in the butt later. My customer may ask for an additional one, or one with a few changes. In the real world (not school) things happen slower so a year later I can be asked to make it again. Unless I do the summery work I can't. Memory is not good enough because usually projects are with a group of people and sometimes people leave a company or get promoted to other work.

This is a message regarding our bridge

**finest 01: Tuesday, May. 4, 1999**

Date: 4/29/99  
From: Roxygrrl  
Subject: we've almost got it...

we have started building our bridge out of the gum drops and linguini...it is a very sticky subject..literally!!! we have also run into some difficulties: the linguini is very fragile and breaks very easily...the gumdrops are very sticky and can't fit too many pieces of pasta in them...maybe we should have tried a different technique, but this one was pretty creative...it is a real challenge. we are gonna finish it up next week hopefully...bye 4 now!!!

Written by finest 01, July, Roxygrrl

no thoughts

- July

### SELECTIONS FROM OUR SCRAPBOOKS

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**Roxygrrl: Thursday, May. 13, 1999**

as my future career i would like to be a few things. I want to be an interior designer and decorator, a gymnastics teacher, or a financial analyst(that's what my mom does and you learn really helpful stuff) I am probably going to take all sorts of courses in high school and college to see if there are any other things i may want to do. then i can change careers as an adult if i am not satisfied.

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Written by finest 01, July, Roxygrrl

I think Eyes to the future is boring when no one else from your team is around. With out your team member there isn't a whole lot to talk about. When team members are here Eyes to the Future is more fun but we still spend too much time on the computer. I don't think I'll do it next year. Eyes to the future needs to go out side or go on a field trip. That is what the girls group my sister is in do. Last Thursday they went bowling. I liked having mentors to talk to, but when they aren't on at the same time as you it's hard. I have a computer at home so when I come here and we have a half an hour to check messages it's boring. Typing messages is o.k but even that gets boring after a while. In the end Eyes to the Future was okay. I'd give it about a 5 on a scale of 1-10.

- July

## SELECTIONS FROM OUR SCRAPBOOKS

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**Roxygrrl: Thursday, May. 27, 1999**

The "Eyes To The Future" program was alot more fun this year than last. This year it was more Hands-On and we didn't just write stuff back and forth to our mentors. Instead, we designed a project to help us learn about our adult mentor's career, and i got alot more helpful information about the High School from the high school mentor. I also got to know people in my school a little better that I had never really talked to before. that was a nice experience. Overall, I am really glad that I did this program again this year.