

Good evening!

Thank you for coming to this fun night of stories and songs.

My name is Suada, I'm a 9th grader at Fargo North High School. I have 4 sisters and 1 brother. I have 15 nieces and nephews. I love being in a BIG family! The change to a completely different way of life has not always been easy for my family. My parents are strong, wise people who have taught me to smile, to appreciate your good health and the free chance in the US to get educated. They didn't have that chance as children in Albanian. I have amazing parents!

I attended Madison and Ben Franklin schools. My hobbies include drawing, longboarding and being outside in nature with people. People who know me would tell you that I enjoy talking. I love listening and sharing life moments with others. It is very entertaining for me. Someday, I want to own my own land to be surrounded by nature.

Life comes with many difficulties, conflicts and mistakes. I've learned from some poor choices in the past. I wasn't very honest to my parents in middle school. Thankfully, they forgave me and I've earned their trust. I still try to learn, listen and become my own person, with my own beliefs and thoughts. I've experienced a lot of temptations, and doubts that have tried to put me on a dark path. I decided this past summer that **I AM** in charge of my life and my future. I've created a positive attitude to look at life in a different perspective, even if it doesn't follow the ideas of my peers. There are going to be people who try to tempt me so I lose my focus and self esteem. I've learned to become more alert about these things and to stay away from them.

I decided that I want to have a happy, successful life. I know there will be times when I will fail, BUT... there will be people to help me and it's okay to get help. I have to keep a positive attitude. Motivation is the key to helping me achieve a positive life!

Legacy has been provided me with the motivation and support to be the person I want to be. I've left my neighborhood on Legacy trips to see and know what is out in the world for me. The St. Louis Arch was amazing! I've been at a 3.0 or higher all year. I've had a chance to improve my reading skills at Sylvan. The academic coaches give me a safe place to be encouraged, ask homework questions and get it done! I feel they really care about me!

My career goals are very diverse. I want to become a lot of things! Today, I think I would enjoy working with medications in the medical field. I want to do things that I dream about: Finish college, travel the world, see new places, smell different scents of nature, walk on beaches, sky dive and be active and healthy.

**I want to wake up every day, determined to do something extra-ordinary!**

In closing, I challenge you to go out and do something out of the ordinary, something on your bucket list to achieve! YOU GOT THIS!!

From all of the Legacy students... thank you sooooo much for coming tonight!