Growing While Serving Others

For some students, community service is another graduation requirement, but for many it is an important part of their lives and their place in the community. Senior Chris Remmes definitely falls into the latter category.

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Working with community programs, Lauren took tide pools, images, and models of aquatic life to local schools, agencies and events.

While she has had a range of responsibilities at the Aquarium, Lauren's favorite role is that of camp counselor. The Harbor Discoveries Day Camp provides campers ages 8-12 with the opportunity to explore natural sites and museums throughout the Boston area. They visit the harbor islands, local museums, and other cultural and recreation sites.

Lauren has grown accustomed to making presentations and working with young people, but she said that it is still difficult to learn and remember all of the information about the aquatic creatures and their habitats.

In the fall, Lauren will be attending UMass Boston which will allow her to continue her volunteer work at the N.E. Aquarium.

A Love of Teaching and Kids

Senior Cindy Lee plans to study nursing at Boston College, with an interest in working with children as a pediatric nurse when she graduates.

Her interest in pediatrics has developed while volunteering as a tutor at the Tufts Medical Center Saturday tutoring program.

For the past two years, Cindy has volunteered with elementary school students at the program that provides homework help and tutoring in math and English to students from the Chinatown and South End communities.

“I like teaching and enjoy working with kids,” stated Cindy. “Plus it is something to keep me busy on Saturday.”

There are about 40 children and 10 high school age tutors involved with the program. They work in groups of four students and one tutor, taking occasional breaks for doughnuts and other breakfast treats.

Cindy’s affinity for teaching and children helped her land a job as a homework helper at the Charlestown branch of the Boston Public Library, a common connection between volunteering and paid employment.