

Chloë Cartmell

PALCS Student Government

Mr. Parris

21 May 2009

*What I Have Done to Better Community, the School, or Myself through Student  
Government*

There are so many things that can be done to better the community, school and yourself. I know that there aren't things that I've done that are too big to make a huge difference. Though I know that little things can make little differences and little differences build up big differences. With everyone working together, big differences can be accomplished and dreams can be fulfilled. I do what I can as anyone else would want to do to better my community, school and myself.

There are a few things I know that I have done in my community to better it. Just by recycling the plastic in my house and picking up litter lying around the community park can help better the community and I know that I do and have done those things. In the long run it proves how little things can help accomplish big things.

A few years ago I went downtown to the main street of my community and shot a few pictures. I used those pictures to paint a mural on a large wooden board to hang somewhere in my community. I painted a huge bright-colored view of Main Street and

someone I knew at the local market hung it at their stand for everyone to see. I'm sure the people of my community were proud to see a painting of a place they were everyday and had grown to love from living nearby. It's exciting to know that something small you can do with a talent that you have can do its job to better your community and build it up.

I am involved in my school's Student Government and have always tried to be even when I wasn't quite old enough to be a senator yet.

It makes me happy to know that I'm bettering my school by helping it succeed in every way. I have been with the Student Government to Harrisburg at the capitol three times now. We've gone there every year to speak for all of the kids at our school to our representatives about keeping our cyber school funded and successful. I've expressed to representatives about how important PALCS (Pennsylvania Leadership Charter School) is to me and everyone who attends it. I think that I have also bettered myself through being a part of the Student Government. My confidence has been raised over the years and I'm not as terribly shy as I was before. Without PALCS I know things would be much different for me and not in a good way.

By being involved in my school, I have bettered my weaker personality traits and I have felt satisfied and proud that I could help make something succeed. . I do what I can to better myself, my community, and my school as anyone else would that would want to help accomplish great things.