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An Alumna performs a Good Deed (or two) ...



Frances Wood Conover had two valuable cultural items to give away but not just to anybody. They had to go where they would be appreciated. So, with a little help from a friend, a brand new circular ASL rug (like this one) went to a classroom in the VSDB Elementary Department. The children were thrilled, and the rug has been in use ever since.

The second item was this framed print (number 10 of 350) by alumnus Scott Bush and was awarded to the student who submitted the best written essay on “What VSDB means to me” stating facts and experiences in his/her own voice.

“What VSDB Means to Me”

(Winning Essay by Lourdes Benitez. VSDB Grade 11)

“I will tell you about school, my friends, and how I am learning more about myself. I love to learn at school but I really struggle in my English class. My teacher helps me a lot and I am improving. My reading level is going up. I used to be afraid to write because my grammar is lousy, but now I’m quite brave. I am passionate about doing more in school and all of my teachers are supportive of me and my dreams of the future

I like to socialize with my friends at VSDB. They help me learn more about my Deaf culture. Also, when I meet new people, I am no longer shy. We share our experience with audism and I am leaning courage to stand up to it. New people help me think and we try to meet other new people. Now I have many friends and I enjoy myself with them. They are great friends to me.

I love VSDB. This school has helped change me. All of my teachers help me become successful. They support me. Mrs. Blehm is a very great woman. She knows I can do whatever I want. She understands my feelings and makes me happy at VSDB. She helps me become a student leader and I look up to Mrs. Blehm and my teachers.”

(Little Acorn received permission from Lourdes’s mother to write about her daughter)

