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Beverly School for the Deaf

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Francesca, known throughout the school as Fran, started CCCBSD in September of 2010, at the age of 11. In the years Fran has attended CCCBSD, she has brought such joy to the staff and students who she encounters on a daily basis. Fran is best known for her positive attitude, self-advocacy, and pride in her accomplishments. When not in school, Fran has attended almost every Miracle League game and enjoys singing and chatting with all her friends. Her absolute favorite destination is Nordstrom at the North Shore Mall. Most recently, she began hosting “Fran’s Fantastic Story Time” at the Beverly Public Library, where she reads stories and sings songs to the children. Fran’s parents share, “We knew in those very early days that Francesca was right where she needed to be. She has had the benefit of over a decade of amazing teachers, assistant teachers, and therapists and is the young woman she is today because of their determination, dedication, and love. We are forever grateful.”
Karina, with her outgoing and energetic personality, joined CCCBSD in December of 2006 at 6 years old. Always an advocate for her friends, she is the first one to help a classmate complete a task or overcome challenges. Karina’s love for musicians such as Lady Gaga and Katy Perry always makes for a great dance party. Teacher Ashleigh O’Brien shares that she is “fun, loving and a joy to be around”. Karina also enjoys volunteering in the community. She has helped at Beverly Boot Straps, Orange Nail Salon and My Brothers Table. In 2021, to everyone’s delight, Karina was the host of the school’s annual pie toss, where she entertained everyone with her delightful commentary of the entire event. Karina’s mother shared, “We remember that special day when our family advocate introduced us to this great school for children with unique needs. Her journey has been filled with dedicated staff and well-trained professionals, a team that is truly dedicated to each student’s needs. There are not enough words to represent our gratitude. Karina will miss her CCCBSD family but will carry all of the strengths she acquired there with her wherever she goes.”
Ryan joined the CCC program in April of 2016 at the age of 16. At that time, Ryan was receiving his first power wheelchair, giving him access to the independence he wanted so badly. Fast forward to present day, a 21 year old Ryan is preparing to graduate from CCCBSD this coming spring. Throughout his years at CCCBSD, Ryan has thrived by learning new skills and expressing his needs and wants, using his iPad and TouchChat program. Teacher Ashleigh O’Brien shared, “Ryan has taught me to always say thank you, appreciate our friends and family, and head into everything you do with positivity”. Two of Ryan’s favorite places to travel in the community are Target and Dunkin Donuts. He especially enjoys the Miracle League baseball games, which he has been attending for several years. Not only is he a major sports enthusiast for all Boston sports, but outside of school he plays lacrosse, basketball and is a cheerleader for his brother and sister, who participate in the Peabody sports programs. When asked about his journey at CCCBSD, Ryan’s parents shared, “Never in our wildest dreams did we expect Ryan to achieve such milestones. CCC, their amazing staff and Ryan’s strong will to never give up has made this happen and we are so grateful.”
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Education is one of the most important investments a country can make, in its people and its future. This is especially true for our students who have learning and communication challenges. The staff and faculty at CCCBSD use the newest technology available and cater instruction to the individual needs of each student, from the moment they enter the doors of CCCBSD until they leave the program. Education, however, goes beyond a textbook and includes preparing students for a transition beyond the school setting. Community outings, volunteering and real world preparedness are key elements to the success of our students. Please consider supporting the programs at CCCBSD and helping to expand opportunities for young adults like Fran, Ryan and Karina.

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