



Heaven Geisinger
Senior Profile
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Senior Heaven Geisinger remembers her first impression of LEAF Charter School. “The scenery is different because I am from Tennessee. I came from a big public school. I thought LEAF was a cute little school.”

Heaven appreciates the encouragement that founding director Dakota Benedetto has given her.

“I came to LEAF just to finish up senior year. I felt kinda weird being the oldest student but Dakota gave me a chance at 20 years old to finish up and get my degree. She motivates me to succeed in life. I have something better than a GED.”

Heaven doesn't have a lot of confidence in her math and physics skills but STEM teachers, Chris Aguda-Brown and Joe Quimby “have helped me out a lot. They break the stuff down and take the time to make sure I understand.”

Humanities teacher Hillary O'Malley is one of Heaven's favorite teachers and English is her favorite class. “I love English. I love to write and read. This year, I enjoyed writing about the Bell Jar and enjoyed the parts of that book that were surprising. Hillary gives me good advice on how to improve my essays. She tells me to take a paragraph away, add more details, or get some more information.”

Heaven has really appreciated the opportunity to come into LEAF and have one on one time to understand things better and to get to know the teachers better.

After graduation, Heaven has big plans. She is getting married in August and moving to North Carolina. She is interested in becoming an LNA. She has been working at Maplewood Nursing Home so she has some experience in a healthcare setting. She is also interested in possibly becoming a veterinarian. She loves all animals but her favorite animals are dogs, cats, and horses.

She offers this advice to future LEAF students, “ You can accomplish anything you set your mind to, even if it takes a few years!”