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Dear Dr. Tiegerman,

My name is Devon Sherwood and I came to SLCD in North Bellmore around February of 1990. I don't expect you will remember me because so many children have passed through your doors, but I remember you. I remember how my mother and father use to say what a passionate fighter you were for us, your students. I remember how attached I was to my teachers, and how I hated to leave SLCD when I graduated pre-Kindergarten. I came to SLCD extremely shy, quiet, and frightened, speech impaired boy, and I left SLCD with the capacity to soar.

I have enclosed a picture of me with my teacher and classmates from 1991. I am the one in the Duke sweat suit. I just wanted you to know that this May, I graduated from Duke University with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology. I am now pursuing a master's degree at Duke University, and I am a goalie on Duke's nationally ranked Lacrosse team.

I want to thank you for what you and your staff for your kindness and dedication. You helped to open a window onto the world for this kid from Hempstead. Enclosed are my graduation announcement, my picture, and a small donation to SLCD. I wish it was more, but graduate students are notorious for being broke. Thank you for the gift of language.

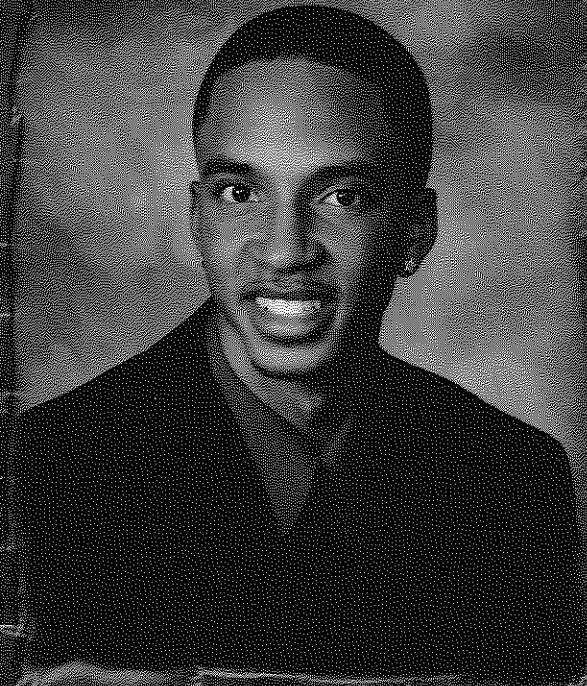
Yours truly,
Devon Daniel Sherwood

Preschool Group 18



Top Row: Kathleen McLaughlin - Teacher
Bottom Row: Devon Sherwood, Amanda Fazio, Heather Palleschi, Frank Milone
Absent: Paul Dabbs, Linda Ley - T.A.

Devon Daniel Sherwood



*Duke University
Class of 2009*

*Bachelor of Arts
With God's Grace
With My Ancestors' Gifts
With My Parents' Love
With Family Support
I Rise, I Rise, I Rise
Thank You*

