

Westlawn Alum Students Give Back

Westlawn Elementary students sure do love their school. So much so that they come back to help out long after their 6th grade promotion! And Westlawn welcomes them back with open arms.

Falls Church High school students Allison Enriquez, Maria Reyes, and Gaby Henriquez came to tutor after school for many weeks! These students independently sought out meetings with Westlawn administration to set it up, then followed through with plans, and brought other friends along to join in their efforts. Gaby also helped with the Drone Club on additional days after school. Westlawn students thrive with help from the “big kids”!



Allison



Maria



Gaby

Current 8th graders at Luther Jackson, Anna Statz, Josephine Huynh, Christine Nguyen, and Sunny Bui pitched an idea for an after school club that would fit in with Westlawn's STEAM Academy. They planned and taught a group of 5th and 6th graders in a popular STEAM Debate Club for several weeks. Students learned official debate rules, researched, and then presented arguments to judges. What great skills to have!



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Debate (l-r) Josephine, Anna,

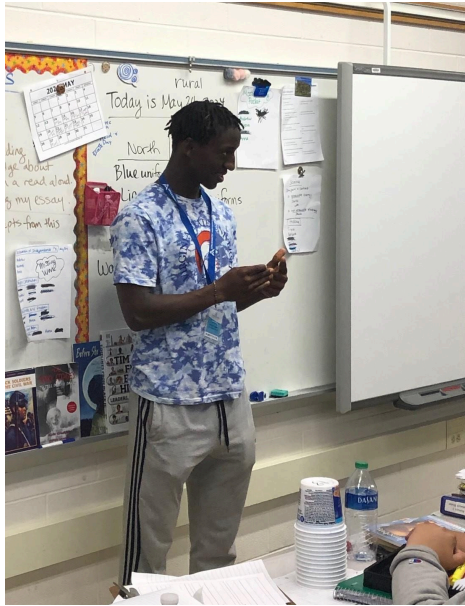


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Lastly, graduating senior Yisak Thomas did a senior internship spending two full weeks at Westlawn helping out. As an NHS officer, track star, and future engineer, he put his skills to use helping in STEAM class, with the technology specialist, and with PE classes. Yisak also spent time in every 5th and 6th grade classroom talking about his journey through school, his college plans, and choices he made along the way that helped him be so successful. Not only is he a wonderful role model for Westlawn students, he also now officially has rock star status in the halls!

Westlawn thanks Yisak, Allison, Maria, Gaby, Sunny, Christine, Josephine, and Anna for coming back and giving their time through volunteerism. The elementary students observe, learn, and benefit from that example!



Yisak talking to students



Yisak helping students