Describe Your Best Experience at ARC:
My best experience was rafting on the South Fork of the American River because I learned how to work as a team. We couldn't have made it down the river without listening to each other and paddling as a team.

How Did You Change After ARC?
I changed in different ways. After ARC, I learned to better communicate with people and take more initiative to help others.

I also feel more comfortable with myself. I feel like I can do things that I never thought I could. For example, I never thought I could do my work well in school, but after ARC, I learned to try.

What Are Your Strengths?
Some of my strengths are helping others resolve conflicts. For example, in ARC, I helped two friends who weren't talking and they learned to respect each other.

Who is Your Role Model? Why?
I would say that Katie Zanto, the director of ARC, is my role model because she has some kind of magic that makes you want to succeed. I think it's because she believes in me, and in every one.

What Are Your Goals for the Future?
My goal for the future is to go to a community college and graduate with a degree in auto mechanics and bodywork.

Community Service
- Project Mana (8/07 to present)
  Distribute food to people in need once a week.
- ARC Internship (4/08 to present)
  Work with other interns to create an on-line network for ARC Graduates.
- Longs Drugs
  Volunteered to do janitorial work in evenings.

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