

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”**Martin Krenz – GPLHS Class of 2024**

What led up to your enrollment at GPL? Was it a simple decision or complicated? Were you in favor or reluctant?

*My decision to go to GPL was relatively painless and simple. With the two years that I had already spent going to Marshall High School, this was actually one of the few decisions that I made without too much trouble. Something about being in Marshall just didn't set right and I felt it needed to change. It actually took me more time to get my parents on board than it did to make the decision.*

Describe what you were thinking and feeling in the days leading up to and on the day you moved into the dorm for the first time. Were those thoughts and feelings different a month or two later? If so, how?

*Even though I made the decision first, I still had some troubles with actually being in the dorm originally. It took me nearly two months to not dread the hour and a half drive back to school every Sunday (because I went home each weekend). But once I got really comfortable it became just another thing that I have to do.*

Talk about some of your classes and the activities you've been involved in.

*One of the driving factors in my decision was that I had by myself recognized that I wasn't being pushed enough in my classes (not saying I'm crazy smart or anything). I just knew that the regular classes here at GPL would push me more than even the advanced classes I had taken prior. And I am definitely happy with how my classes are going, they push me in ways that lead me to grow the most.*

Talk about some of the challenges and blessings you have faced during your time at GPL.

*To me my biggest challenge was not being able to play sports my first year. Transferring made it so that I couldn't play any games or participate in any meets, which was difficult because I am a multi-sport athlete who really enjoys playing. Even though I couldn't play I made the best of my situation and enjoyed helping where I could and by practicing every day.*

If you had to choose just one, what one thing do you want people to know about GPL?

*All in all, one of the best parts of GPL is how everyone acts like family and will be there for you no matter what happens.*