

In all honesty, I was skeptical in coming to Grab the Torch not really knowing anyone and thinking that I wouldn't get as much out of it as what others had said they did. But it turned out to be a life changing, eye opening, and amazing experience. I've learned so much about so many things in a short amount of time. I've met such beautiful people with bright minds. And some of the speakers really made me think about life differently. I couldn't be more appreciative and grateful for the opportunity to have come here. Julie Sleeper was so genuine and made me look at the world a different way. She helped me realize that there's a whole other world I might not know about and she taught me to learn to empathize with people.

Also, Ms. Nan legitimately touched my heart. She gave me peace of mind and tranquility that I've never really felt in my life ever. Most of all she brought the girls so close together, that was the first time we all shed tears together and it really made us feel like sisters. Our bond was unbreakable from that point on. Doing Fingerprints really helped me find my purpose. It's such a great program that I honestly think should be spread beyond the "yurt." It opened my eyes in the way I looked at my life, my values, and definitely my purpose. And when I met Katie Pulsifer is when I had my "epiphany" moment. I had remembered that saying that Mr. Aldrich said, "you don't ask, you don't get." It was eating me alive and when Katie was talking about how she changed her life around and I made a connection with her about my future career and college things. I met so many people that really changed my life and I couldn't be more grateful for that. Grab the Torch made me grateful to be alive because with that I am given the opportunity - opportunity to change the world or my community or someone else's life with my own two hands. Thank you so much Grab the Torch!

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