



**December 18, 2017**

To: Dr. Riggle, Superintendent  
Board of Education

Fr: Karen Geddeis

Re: Glenbrook Stories - January 8, 2017

## **MEMO**

For our first Glenbrook Stories segment of the new year, we will get to know graduating GBE student Madison Christenson who was one of only 14 students chosen from the Chicago area to present live on the “Hamilton” stage Dec. 13. She wrote a poem, told from the perspective of Alexander Hamilton, and competed for the limelight against students from more than 20 other schools.

Madison quickly worked to overcome her stage fright, practicing at home and at school for about two weeks straight.

“My arms and legs were shaking... there was so much talent on that stage,” she said.

GBE English Teacher Ms. Berk said, “I think that Alexander Hamilton and Madison have a lot in common. They share a strong work ethic and a passion for the pen. Madison wrote her way to where she wanted to be and she came full circle up there on that stage with all eyes on her.”

This story focuses on the road to success.