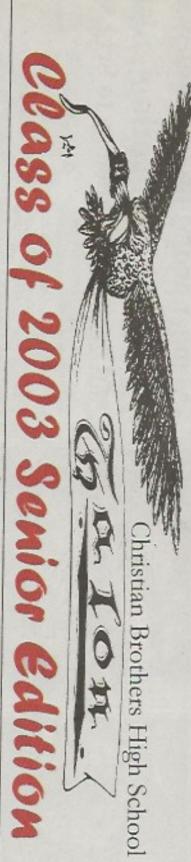
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### Sweet Success: An intro to your Valedictorian and Salutatorian

are two members of the soon to be newian educational ideals. est alumni, who truly exemplify Lasaland Sary, the peer-chosen salutatorian nally. Shawn, the class valedictorian, Sary Stefanki have achieved phenomeers High School, Shawn Richardson and In terms of success at Christian Broth-

words, he "plays all over the field." ber, and German Club President. He player, battling as an offensive and de-Shawn is a valuable Falcon football he also manages a full athletic schedule. deed a Mathlete, and a very good one, and Science Club. Although he is intracurricular solely limited to Mathletes no means a recluse bookworm with ex-This stellar athlete is also a choir memtensive lineman. In fact, in his own The 2003 valedictorian, Shawn, is by

regularly weight lifts, and could proba-bly bench press Sary with no trouble.

able influence on student government. the sweetest alto voices in the school too, is a choir member, and holds one of As one of 2002-2003's ASB Publicity YMCA Youth and Government. then, she has dedicated herself to ball during her sophomore year. Since until she tore her ACL playing basket-She truly considers her speech an honor, Historians, Sary also wields consider the CB volleyball and basketball teams her peers. Sary was an essential part of particularly because she was selected by "I thought it would be somebody else!" tion. "I was surprised I won," Sary said Sary triumphed against tough competitorian by the senior class. Chosen from 11 Grade Point Averages in the class. a ballot composed of the top 2 through Speaking of her, Sary was voted saluta-

> as a Liberal Arts major. As the Talon's News Editor, Sary expects to keep jourplans to attend UC Berkeley in the fall absence of wet, East Coast weather or science. Sary, a strong believer in the attending Harvard University as an undeclared major in...you guessed it, math for a foreign exchange in Austria before Shawn plans to take a year's deferment coursed about whose opinion was supe tangible!" Sary cried with gusto. and articulate. "Words depict ideas, an feelings! Numbers and theories are no rior, it was clear that each is assertive Arts ALL THE WAY!" As the two di for math and science, Sary goes "Liber

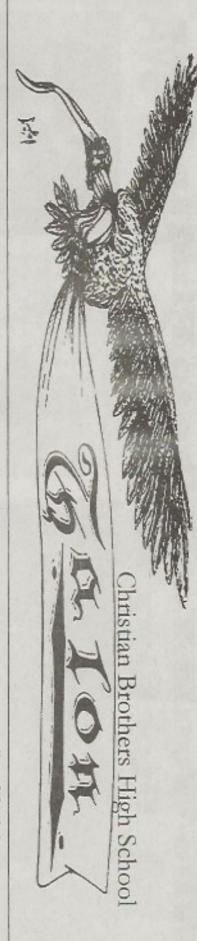
education. While Shawn is an advocate ing views on the most enjoyable part of nalism in her future, and also takes inter-The two featured students have differclaim for their accomplishments. now they expect to finally receive ac about their success for 4 years," and is the Class of 2003. Congratulation are great examples of the brilliance tha are due, they've "been quietly humble Certainly, these two honored student

est in political science.



gentleman that when Sary forgot her contacts, he lent her his favorite glasses. Valedictorian Shawn and Salutatorian Sary ham it up for the camera. Shawn is such

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### Memory... An Angel Forever

### Monique Benjamin Natosha Reed

We can't begin to describe the effect that Sharmelia Jeffries had on our lives. She was so beautiful and loving, and it still seems like yesterday she sent us a goofy text message, that said "Nite girlie" with some sort of picture.

"Sharmy," as we knew her, was always laughing. No matter how good or bad the joke was, she would laugh. She was good for that, just ask her friend Jenny Lee. We loved her smile which showed all her bright 32 teeth and we'll miss seeing that in class everyday. Her smile would always warm our hearts regardless of our mood. In a way, her smile brought us closer together, and we'll never forget that gift she gave us.

Sharmelia moved many people in different ways. One of the people that she moved was senior Natalic Franklin, who states. "Sharmelia was a natural beauty

> absolutely beautiful and I couldn't believe the things that were coming out of her mouth. If people could only love their friends the way I love Sharmelia, then they too could be there for theur friends in their time of need to help them triumph over obstacles the way Sharmelia and I guided each other through that difficult night.

She will be truly missed by lots of people. She had one of the purest souls I've ever known and I am certain that she's still here watching over us and building our stairways to Heaven. Sharmelia lives on in my heart and I know that her love still lives in the hearts of the hundreds of people that she graced with her presence.

During the Kairos I retreat, Sharmelia was one the student rectors. She did an amazing job. While on retreat, I seized the opportunity to open up to her and share my darkest secrets with her. I told her literally all my problems and was like "Sharmi, can you fix them." I threw her all of my baggage but she handled it

