



Aurora Public Schools

Every Student Shapes A Successful Future

One-on-One with APS Students: Ruby Rodriguez

Aurora Public Schools is filled with great students who are role models to their peers, families and communities. We recently caught up with FULTON Academy of Excellence fifth grader Ruby Rodriguez to discover interesting facts and tidbits about her and how she is shaping her future.

What is your favorite subject in school and why?

Reading and writing! Ever since I started in school, reading has always been my strong subject. It's also my favorite subject because certain books are about fantasy, which I really like.

What are some of your interests?

I'm really interested in animal abuse and how to stop it. Also, I'd like to start a book club here at school. There are so many kids who could use the help and tutoring. I'm also starting a robotics team at my school with other AGATE kids where we will learn how to code. I know this will follow me wherever I go, and I want to be able to teach other kids what I know.



Tell us about your future. What do you see in it and how will you get there?

I want to become an actress. I've done an acting camp before, but I know it's a slim chance that I'll become famous. So if that doesn't work out, I'd like to get a science degree and maybe become a scientist. Right now I'm proficient in science, but I want to work super hard to become advanced. If they offer extra classes in high school, I'd want to take a chemistry class. My mom really helps me with this. Ever since I was little she would say 'what do you want to be when you grow up and how are we going to make that happen?'

Why is school important to you?

A lot of kids think school is boring and stressful. But I know once I'm done with it, there is a prize. All my years of hard work are going to pay off. I'm going to become something!

Aurora Quest K-8 Athletic Director Hailed as Best in Colorado



Student achievement and growth are driven by a highly-effective and respected staff working as a team. This notion, an *APS 2020: Shaping the Future* strategic plan core belief, has recently been personified by Aurora Quest K-8 Dean of Students and Athletic Director Casey Powell.

Powell earned the inaugural 2016 Middle School Athletic Director of the Year award, presented by the Colorado Athletic Directors Association (CADA). The prestigious award honors Powell for his outstanding contributions to Colorado athletics. CADA, a statewide professional organization, supports educational athletics administrators through professional development and positive image promotion.

"I am honored to be recognized for a position I truly love to do," said Powell. "I get to work with students every day and change their lives."

Congratulations, Casey! APS is proud to have a dedicated member like you on our team.