Nathaniel Cortez

Nathaniel and I are lunch buddies. Most students who come to spend time with me at lunch are there to make up a missing test, ask questions about and turn in assignments, or do test corrections. Nathaniel just wants a peaceful place to eat lunch, and I am a happier teacher for it. As you can imagine, sometimes our conversations turn to mathematics. In class, we study geometry, but his wonderings and questions go well beyond what we are able to do in the classroom. He has ideas and matters that he wants to pursue. While his abilities are helping him to “get it right,” it is his curiosity that longs to be satisfied, and as he persists, satisfaction will come. While I am encouraged by his inquisitiveness, the characteristic that I most admire about Nathaniel is his focused work ethic. He does everything I ask of him and more. Rarely do I encounter a student as disciplined as he. Thank you, Nathaniel, for your hard work and enthusiasm. May they continue to grow.

~ Bob Fish