

## UniServity cLc Case Study: Guyer High School



### Elizabeth West – Student of the Year 2009

John H. Guyer High School is located in Denton, Texas, and has approximately 2,200 students from the ages of 14 – 18.  
[www.dentonisd.org/guyerhs](http://www.dentonisd.org/guyerhs)

In less than a year since the adoption of the UniServity cLc (connected Learning communities) Learning Platform at Guyer High School, student Elizabeth West has demonstrated outstanding use of her ePortfolio learning journal to manage her own learning. Her achievements have been recognised and showcased around the world as an outstanding example of student led learning. Elizabeth is the first individual Student Award winner at the UniServity Learning Platform Awards for Excellence 2009 – open to schools and learners in 21 countries around the world.

Elizabeth is the epitome of a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learner, using the social learning tools of the Learning Platform to take her learning to a new level. Elizabeth identifies her learning priorities, seeks out and connects with teachers, other students and experts across the world through her ePortfolio, and evidences her achievements – ensuring progression and attainment in her learning through the Learning Platform.

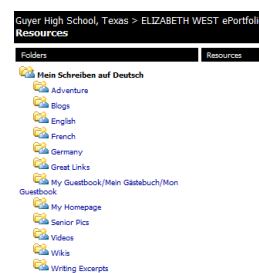
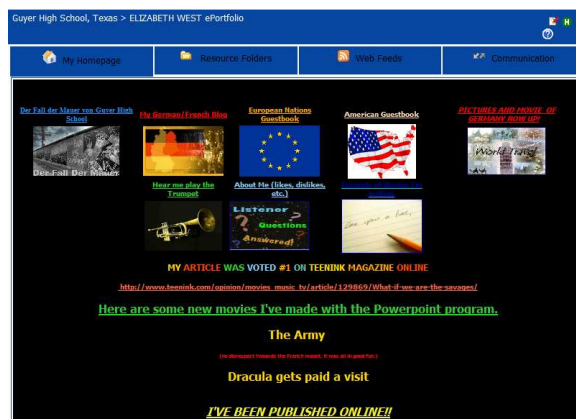


Elizabeth is a truly reflective learner, offering her work, ideas and beliefs up for peer review, discussion and debate. She selectively publishes her work and demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of her audience.

Her ePortfolio offers a genuine and honest digital portrait of Elizabeth

as a student and as a teenager and it evidences her growing maturity as a 21<sup>st</sup> century learner as she makes no distinction between the formal learning within her school and the informal experiences that she shares from her life.

Elizabeth's ePortfolio is constantly evolving and charts her unique and sophisticated journey as a learner over time. She maintains a guest book in three languages, sharing thoughts and conversations with her friends via ongoing blogs capturing her growing confidence in French and German and relishing the opportunity the cLc presents for her to read, write, speak and listen with authentic audiences in each of her timetabled modern foreign languages.



#### 2nd day of school

ELIZABETH WEST (GHS\_210507) 26 Aug 2009 20:46

Jetzt bin ich in Deutsch 3 aber ich bin nicht wirklich in Deutsch 3 aber AP Deutsch 4. Ich bin in Deutsch 3 jetzt weil ich bin Herr Shades "teacher aide". Erste war ich in AP Government/Economics, danach ging ich zur Mentors (eine Klasse wo wir helfen Kinder in "Middle School" oder "Elementary School"), später ging ich zur Europäische Geschichte (European History), diese Klasse war sehr toll und jetzt bin ich Herr Shades "teacher aide". Heute war ein B-Tag.

Gestern war ich in AP Deutsch 4 und dann ging ich zur AP English 4 (Herr Coleman ist sehr lustig!), danach ging ich zur Französisch Klasse (AP Französisch 4) und später ging ich zur Spanisch 1 aber denke ich das ich werde zur Spanisch 2 gehen, weil ich nicht jetzt.

Now I am in German 3 but I am not really in German 3 but AP German 4. I am in German 3 now since I am Herr Shade's Teachers Aide. First I was in AP Govt./Eco., then I went to Mentors (a class where we go to help kids in "Middle School" or "Elementary School"), later I went to European History (AP), this class was very cool and now I am Herr Shade's teachers aide. Today was a B-Day.

Yesterday I was in AP German 4 and the went to AP English 4 (Mr. Coleman is hilarious), then I went to French class (AP Franc H4) and then to Spanish 1 but I think I will go to Spanish 2. I don't know.

Amongst the many shared learning experiences shared by Elizabeth, highlights would have to include a series of videos that she made teaching her peers American Sign Language, with captions in English, French and German.

Finally, Elizabeth's enthusiasm and initiative is not restricted to her personal ePortfolio. She also provides cLc support to her teachers and manages collaborative spaces in her German Language Classes, connecting the German Department in her school with the English language department of a partner school in Berlin.

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