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Here is what she wrote about her recent visit to California School for the Deaf:

I would like to thank Clark Brooke, Superintendent, for my tour of the California School for the Deaf, as it was my first time to visit the school. I would also like to recognize Gungaa Tuvshinbat (day counselor at CSD) for her role in leading me to visit this beautiful school where children thrive in a happy environment. Gungaa is highly respected in my country for her accomplishments. She was one of the finest Deaf people in Mongolia, and we have lost her to you in America! I believe that Gungaa can be an ambassador on behalf of the Deaf people of Mongolia, and a model to show what Deaf people are capable of accomplishing.

I was so inspired by the California School for the Deaf as it is a model school for Deaf children. Deaf schools from around the world should become more like this school. I plan to share my experience visiting the school, through television broadcasts and magazine articles, to show that Deaf people are indeed equal with hearing people, and that it is a fallacy to stereotype Deaf people as not being as smart or as being unable to achieve.

Through my rich experience meeting the staff and students at California School for the Deaf, I am inspired to bring my new knowledge back to Mongolia so that we can mirror the success of this great Deaf school in America.

The world is watching and can learn so much from you. Never give up! Keep being a light to the world.

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