

# Accelerated Learners TESTIMONIAL

## The Pleszewski Family, Gaia and Felicia - Class of 2023



*At CMASAS, we're proud to offer a one-of-a-kind K-12 online learning experience that empowers students to take control of their education. Recently, we sat down with Felicia, Gaia, and Bart, a family whose students attended CMASAS for more than four years. Their story is truly remarkable—Gaia and her sibling were able to graduate from our program at just 13 years old, thanks to the flexibility and personalized pace CMASAS offers.*

By choosing a program that allowed them to accelerate at their own speed, they reached this incredible milestone far earlier than most students. Their journey highlights the power of personalized learning, the guidance of our Personalized Education Coaches (PECs), and the global mindset we aim to instill in our students.

### **A Perfect Fit from the Start**

Felicia and Bart enrolled their children at CMASAS in July 2019, after searching for an online school that could offer both flexibility and structure. They had previously attended another online school but found it lacking in the support their children needed. CMASAS offered exactly what they were looking for.

"We wanted a school that was self-paced but also had structure," Felicia explained. Bart added, "In Quebec, where we live, the government monitors homeschooling and online education closely. CMASAS provided not only the curriculum but also the necessary documents, assignments, and grades to keep us in compliance."

### **The Role of the Personalized Education Coach (PEC)**

A standout feature of CMASAS is the Personalized Education Coach (PEC), and the family emphasized how crucial their PECs were in their journey. Over the years, Gaia and her sibling worked with two PECs: one while in middle school and another while in high school. These PECs provided invaluable support, adapting to their needs at different stages of their education.

"Our PECs were absolutely essential. They played a key role in the entire process," Bart emphasized. "The middle school PEC was empathetic and supportive, guiding the kids according to what they were ready for. In high school, the PEC was more goal-oriented, helping them structure their education toward graduation."

The family was so impressed with the PEC experience that they recommended CMASAS to other families. "We've had friends enroll, and we told them the PEC is key. It really sets CMASAS apart from other online schools!"

### **The Benefits of Personalized Learning**

Gaia and her sibling started CMASAS at the age of nine, and they quickly saw the benefits of personalized learning.

"The flexibility allowed us to start school at a younger age and take more courses over a longer period," Gaia shared. "We also gained skills like organization and scheduling that we wouldn't have learned in a traditional school."

Because CMASAS allows students to set their own pace, Gaia discovered that evenings worked best for her, while her sibling learned to overcome procrastination. "It was an adjustment at first," Gaia admitted, "but once we figured out what worked best, it was much easier to stay on track."

### **A Community That Shapes Global Citizens**

More than just an educational institution, CMASAS fosters a sense of community and respect that prepares students to become global citizens. Bart noted, "We're trying to help them become global citizens—people who are self-reliant, responsible for themselves, but also respectful to others. I think CMASAS provides that partnership where they are respected. They're part of this journey, in the driver's seat, and that's really different from most educational experiences."

Bart explained that their previous online school focused purely on content delivery, but CMASAS offered something deeper: "CMASAS was more like a community where everybody was moving forward individually but also with a collective goal. It wasn't just about the courses—it was about creating a well-rounded experience."

### **Addressing Common Concerns**

One common concern for parents considering online education is the potential for social isolation. CMASAS effectively addressed these concerns. "Our main concern was social development. However, we prioritized social interaction, and the flexibility of CMASAS allowed us to align our schedule with social events and vacations."

In addition to personalized learning, CMASAS offers a variety of clubs and extracurricular activities. Gaia participated in the Yearbook Club and Minecraft Club, which helped her stay engaged with the school community and explore her interests outside of traditional coursework.

### **Preparing for Future Challenges**

As Gaia and her sibling transitioned to college, they found that CMASAS prepared them well for the demands of higher education. "The work ethic, scheduling, and executive skills we developed at CMASAS have been incredibly beneficial," Bart added. "CMASAS provided an opportunity for enrichment, allowing our students to progress at their own pace and reach their full potential."

### **Join Us!**

If you're looking for an online school that offers flexibility, personalized learning, and a supportive community, CMASAS is here to support your family.



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