

Wisconsin Dells Teen Goes to Prom: Online Style

Grantsburg, Wis. - May 13, 2008 - GRANTSBURG -- Imagine meeting your classmates, for the very first time, at the prom.

That's exactly what Logan Boyle did last month when she joined dozens of other students from around the state to enjoy one of high school's most cherished traditions – the annual prom.

Boyle attends Insight School of Wisconsin, the nation's largest network of online public high schools. For her, a typical school day begins by booting up her computer at home then joining one of Insight's virtual classrooms or discussion rooms. Throughout the day, she can quickly communicate with teachers and other Insight students, whether it's to work on a math problem or an English essay. She can even chat with her classmates in virtual hallways.

Over the past year, Boyle's made dozens of "virtual" friends during her online classes, so it's no surprise she was excited to meet many of them in person for the first time.

"I wanted to attend prom to hook up with my friends and meet new people," said Boyle. "I really thought that kids wouldn't be that social, but I was wrong. Kids were really good about making sure no one was by themselves that night – they didn't care what you were wearing or who you liked."

Boyle's favorite part of the night was dancing. "I didn't think many girls would dance, but once we got on the dance floor, we had a great time."

Not only did the students enjoy prom activities, they performed in or watched the school's first annual Talent Show.

"We had singers, dancers, instrumentalists, Tae Kwon Do demonstrations and original short story readings," said Jeff Bush, Executive Director of Insight Schools of Wisconsin. "It was a great way to kick off the evening."

"This was a fun night," said Boyle. "I would definitely go again next year."

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