

My Radio Appearance and Trip to Oakland California For the CJ Watson Contest

On Saturday morning, February 20, 2010 my mom woke me up early to begin getting dressed for my big event at KCEP 88.1 radio station to interview with Commissioner Lawrence Weekly. I rushed to the bathroom to brush my teeth and wash up so I could look good and smell good. After, I got dressed I went into the kitchen where my mom had my favorite breakfast, pancakes and sausage from McDonalds. It was getting close to time for us to leave, so I read my essay a few times and then I played pool to pass the time away and to take away some of the nervousness.

It was about 9:30am when my Mom and I left home. We had to be at the radio station at 9:50am. It only took us a few minutes to get there and when we pulled into the parking lot my Dad was already there waiting for us. We walked to the door of the radio station and were met by one of the radio announcers and his name is Mr. Sid. When I began to walk in the door I started to get nervous. We walked into the visitors lounge and I sat down on a comfortable red couch next to my Dad and my Mom sat in a chair. There were pictures of the radio announcers on the walls and other famous people. Sitting in a chair next to my mom was a boy named Lezaro Jonathan Cesar, he was the winner from West Prep. Then a girl walked in with her parents and her teacher, her name is DeJanea Childs, she was the winner from Wendell Williams. Everyone sat around laughing and talking and then Mr. Weekly came in. He introduced himself and told us how proud he was of us. First he took in a group of people for the first part of his radio show, when they finished he called us into the room. There was four microphones setup, we all had our own microphone. At first I was nervous, but then it went away because Mr. Weekly made it fun. He had us all to read our essays over the radio, first he had De janea to read her essay, then it was my turn, after I read my essay Jonathan read his essay. Mr. Weekly told us how proud he was of us and to keep up the good work. The show was over. I thanked Mr. Weekly for having me on the show.

Later that day, my dad and I went to the Meadows Mall and I got a new pair of blue jean skinnies and a new pair of Nike Air Jordan's for the trip. My dad even got him a new pair of Nike Airs. When I got home from shopping, I played around, took a shower and finally went to sleep, while my mom packed my bag for the trip.

On Sunday morning my mom woke me up from a deep sleep. I walked into the bathroom and washed myself. brushed my teeth and put my clothes on. After I finished

getting dressed I walked into the family room where my Mom had my bag packed and ready to go. My mother then came into the family room, I grabbed my bag with my clothes in it and my bag with my laptop in it, and we got in the car and drove to my dad's house to pick him up. After picking him up we went to the airport. Once we got to the airport and pulled up to Southwest Airlines, we took our bags out and my mom gave me a kiss and told me to have a good time. She drove off and we went and stood in line to get our tickets. While in line we met DeJanea and her mother.

The airplane ride to Oakland California was short and kind of boring, because I couldn't get the internet on my laptop. It cost \$5.00 to get the internet. The stewardess said it was free but it really wasn't free. It was cool to be high up in the sky and see the clouds format but it really wasn't cool that I didn't get to sit with my dad. I had to sit by strangers I didn't know. They turned out to be nice people and I got a chance to tell them why I was on the airplane and what my essay was about.

The Limo ride from the airport to the Hotel was a fun experience because we were treated like V.I.P.'s. The roof of the limo sparkled inside like stars and the drinking glasses and the different kinds of champagne bottles glowed when the lights were off in the limo. Jonathan, DeJanea and I were in the limo laughing and having a great time while my dad and the other two parents were talking about real estate, finance companies, bills, and other grown folks business. When we arrived at the hotel it was an amazing site to me. We stayed at the Holiday Inn and it was a very nice hotel, the bedroom had a good view of Oakland, California, it was comfortable and relaxing, the room smelled fresh and the food was good.

After changing my clothes and getting ready for the game, we all got in the Limo and went to lunch with CJ's parents, people from the Quietstorm Foundation and the Golden State Warriors. Jonathan, DeJanea and I had the opportunity to read our essays for them. I was nervous but I tried to act like I wasn't nervous. After lunch, we got in the Limo and went to the Arena for the basketball game.

The Limo ride to the game was fun because my dad and I and the others were talking and having a great time. It was fun to have a pass to get on the basketball court, take a tour through the locker rooms and the Arena. Before the game started I and the other two contestants went on the basketball court and we were presented to everyone in the Arena as the winners of the CJ Watson essay contest. The game was good, at first I thought the Warriors were going to lose, but they came back and won the game. I was

hoping that we would have been on television so my family could see me on TV since they couldn't be there.

After the game we waited until everyone left the Arena to read our essays to CJ Watson. After we read our essays CJ Watson gave us each a Golden State Warrior bag, with Golden State Warrior speakers that can be used with an Ipod or MP3 player, a Warriors Art Kit, an autographed CJ Watson jersey, wristband, headband, Game Day Book, a pair of autographed Orange Bounce Adidas shoes, Warriors pencil, Quiet Storm Wristbands. I'm really going to like the Art Kit, because I like to draw. I was so thankful and appreciative for the things I was given, it was a great experience.

We left the Arena and went back to the Holiday Inn. When we got there my dad and I went downstairs to get something to eat. A little time later CJ's dad came in, my dad talked with him a long time and then CJ came in. I went over and thanked him for everything he had done for me and told him how much I enjoyed the game. After our talk it was time for me to go to bed. My dad and I went to our room and I fell asleep.

On Monday morning, my dad woke me up, I took my shower and brushed my teeth, put my clothes on and was ready to get to the airport. We took the shuttle to the airport and waited for our flight back to Las Vegas. I was hoping to sit with my dad on this flight, but had to sit with strangers again. When we arrived at the airport in Las Vegas, my mom was waiting for us in the baggage area. I gave her a big hug and kiss, gave her my bag to carry for me and we walked to the parking garage. I was glad to be with my mom and kind of upset that I had to go to school after a fun one day vacation.

I really enjoyed my trip to Oakland, California it was a lot of fun, exciting and a great opportunity. I'm glad that CJ Watson thought enough to give children like me an opportunity to express ourselves and he was generous enough to fly us to California to meet him. CJ and everyone who worked with him were very nice to us. I am very thankful to CJ, his parent's, the Quietstorm Foundation and the Golden State Warriors for their kindness. I'm going to get clear cases to put my autographed shoes, jersey and basketball in so I can have them for years to come. I will always remember this opportunity.

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