

Six students were given Flip cameras to show their stories... their way.

What's your story?

My name is Victoria Arambula, and this is my story.

Victoria.

I first heard about the Readership program at New Student Orientation. When they first talked about it, it seemed really exciting. In the summer when I had free time, I read the book, and I wrote what I thought and what I felt about the book. It's a choice I'll never forget. My expectations for Africa, they were like anyone else's in the group. We knew that we wanted to go help, we knew we were going to change lives, and we knew that our lives were going to be changed. Our expectations were out the door, because we knew that we were there for a purpose, and we had to fulfill it.

The children really changed us, I remember they still knew that even though there was a slim chance of them surviving, with all the diseases, that they still wanted to be something and grow up, and help the world. Before the trip, I had really been thinking about the Peace Core. I guess I was lost before Africa, I didn't know where I wanted to go in life, what my meaning was, what my purpose was. But, that first night in meeting the people we did, I knew I have a calling to not stop my help here, but keep on going on. So, with that, I made a decision, a promise, to one day go back to Africa. A promise like that to myself, I hold dear to my heart. I know I'm happy in life, but I know I won't be to the fullest until I go back to Africa.

Now that I'm back, I'm a mentor for G-Force. Which is an on-campus organization/job, and what we do is we go out to the high schools and let them know it's possible. And every mentor has their story, how they had to struggle to go to college. We tell them our story, we use our personal testimony to let them know it's possible.

I'm just one story of 100 years, happy birthday WT! Go Buffs!