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Mother & Son Team Graduate – TRANSCRIPT

(Janice Wolpert) When Jared started he had a very difficult time communicating orally. He spoke at about one to two word utterances. And when he enrolled at Clarke, within 10 months he was chattering like crazy and averaging ten to eleven words per sentence. And we just couldn't get him to stop.

(Reporter) In just four years at the Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech, Jared Wolpert has made a lasting impression. The California native is now a star soccer player and one of the most popular students on campus.

(Jared Wolpert) I will miss them. I will be sad to leave the Clarke School, but I am very happy to go to high school.

(Reporter) Janice's experience helping her son communicate, led her to enroll at Clarke with Jared. Now she is planning to go back to California to make a difference.

(Janice) When I return to California, I plan to use my knowledge to educate all of the families in our area that have children who are deaf and hard of hearing on their options.

(Reporter) Janice says seeing her son and his fellow classmates break through language barriers has been inspiring.

(Janice) Not only have I been Jared's mother, but I've been these student's teachers this year. So it's a very emotional day. A great day.

(Reporter) Even though they are saying good-bye for now, they've built relationships that will last a lifetime.

(Teacher) Always competitive, always appreciative. Always a team player. He's going to make it. No matter what.