I was given a great opportunity to attend u-school for one week at the end of January. It was cold outside but the experience was worthwhile. I loved the tour of the campus with Adriana guiding me. I learnt many interesting facts and I explored many great places on campus.

During my time at u-school I explored all over the campus and got a lot of neat presentations from the forestry, the archeology and the fair trade departments. I participated in physical education, photography, and the tour of the Timmes Center of the Arts. I also went to the special collections library, it has so many interesting books. One of my favorite books that we saw is the Nuremberg Chronicle which is a book about the world as they knew it. It is a fairly large sized book and it is all hand written, the pictures are amazingly drawn and the cover is made from animal hides!

Adriana showed me and my group many interesting buildings and rooms such as the room in the Rutherford library nicknamed the Harry Potter room, it is very appealing to the eye. I loved the Biological Science building, it was really interesting. I found out that 6 different architects built it. Apparently, they didn't get along so they each built a wing and slapped them together. Adriana told us that sometimes to get into a classroom you have to walk through a broom closet, also you may open a door and walk into a wall. There was a test a few years ago when they went into the building and turned on all the light switches but, when they went outside to look some rooms were still dark. Also, did you know that the butterdome wasn't supposed to be all yellow, I didn't! The famous building was supposed to be green and yellow (for the school colors) but the company that shipped them made a mistake and only shipped yellow panels and since the university was hosting a big event, they didn't have time to correct the error. That's right, the famous chunk of land known as the butterdome is actually called the Universiaide Pavilion, but the name butterdome has been adopted and is used around the campus.

One interesting fun fact about the U of A is that currently there is an off and on world title for the biggest dodgeball game, and using the most dodgeballs. The school of UC Irvine took the title away from U of A after they won it back. The rivalry just keeps going on - who can throw the last dodgeball. Currently UC Irvine has the title with over 6,000 people participating, but the U of A is planning a comeback.

Education is important in the 21 century because the schooling that is necessary is more advanced than what it was like 20 years ago, the requirements have gone up. I do want to apply to a post-secondary institution even more since I went to u-school because of the bigger career opportunities it opens for you. I do not know what I want to be yet, but I believe I would like to go into the arts, which includes drama, and if I apply to the U of A, I would love to have schooling at the beautiful Timmes Center. Education is important and it will always be in my life.

I had the rare chance of going to the University of Alberta for u-school. It has changed my view on the world and on schooling. University looks like so much fun! I met many interesting and wonderful people that attend the university and the ones that work there. I will never forget this experience and the many interesting things I learnt there.