

# Greensboro Grad Publishes First Book, Shares Importance of Moral Focus



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The nine Moral Focus virtues taught at all National Heritage Academies (NHA) schools have a tremendous impact on the lives of our scholars. That was very evident recently at [Greensboro Academy](#) as staff learned a former student of theirs had published her first book.

Bella Lamin, 16, a 2022 graduate of Greensboro Academy, is now a published author of a children's book about gratitude, November's Moral Focus virtue of the month.

"Gratitude: The Christmas Lesson" is the first book in a series of children's books that Ms. Lamin plans on writing, which have been inspired by and are dedicated to NHA and Greensboro Academy.



Former Greensboro Academy student Bella Lamin holds her first book, "Gratitude: The Christmas Lesson."

The book follows a young boy who expects to receive a bunch of presents for Christmas but struggles when he gets less than expected. His brother and parents then teach him a valuable lesson about gratitude.

"My time at GA were the best years of my education," Lamin said. "The school reinforced Moral Focus for me by including it as a part of academics. It was not just something that was said, it was a part of the school culture and continues to resonate with me today."

Ms. Lamin, now a junior at New Garden Friends School in Greensboro, said she was always an avid reader and her love for reading naturally morphed into writing. That dedication is something commonly seen at Greensboro Academy, which has outperformed the local district for the past 16 years.