

*Aleesa Jones commented, "I think that teachers are the most important role models anyone can have."*



Kim Baty and Julian Price set an example as top students in their AP Biology class. They give a demonstration for their class on boiling crystals.

## Being A Good Role Model

A role model is a person that is usually effective or inspiring in some social role, job position, and so serves as a role model for another or for others. "A role model helps you decide which path to take in life," says Canisha Martin. "If you see someone else doing good or making a success out of their lives, it really inspires you to do good and be successful," replies Takesha Delly. High school students, especially, need good role models because they are going through a learning stage. In this stage, a student is finding who they really are, how they want to live, and what they would like to do with their lives. Natasha Pauling believes "role models are essential in helping develop a good self-esteem, self-concept, and feeling of self-worth."

We all can be good role models if we conduct ourselves in a respectable manner. "I feel that if you have a good self-esteem and really respect yourself, then others will not only respect and treat you nice, but they will look up to you," remarks Susan Gladney. If we present ourselves as wanting to be successful and goal-oriented, others may see our determination and make the choice to also be successful and focused. Let us always be on our best behavior, because we can never know who is watching and trying to pattern after our goodness.