



SOUTH TAHOE HIGH SCHOOL

Home of the Vikings

If there is one word to describe _____ it is resilient. For what she has endured in her life, it is truly remarkable what she has accomplished. Despite all obstacles, she has achieved so much. At a young age, she lost her father due to alcoholism. Her family moved every few days between motels; often her family of five lived in a single motel room. Many times, it was difficult if not impossible for her to complete her homework. She also had to frequently care for her toddler aged sister or work to help support the family. Most of the time it was only her and her brother working to pay for living expenses. Both parents could not hold jobs. During this time, she was also dealing with food insecurity, as there was no food at home and no money for food. A breaking point was when her little sister became so ill that she had to be taken to the emergency room and was later taken to UC Davis. It was this incident that Child Protective Services was brought in and determined that her mother and her mother's boyfriend were both Methamphetamine addicts and unfit to watch the children. The children were taken from the home and _____ was sent to live with her grandmother. Despite all this, _____ got good grades, stayed in rigorous college prep classes, participated in the Generation Green Internship with the US Forest Service, took on a leadership role for the school Gen Green club, and completed numerous hours of community service. She has been a role model AVID student and has been an ambassador for the program. It was not easy for her to do these things but she always found a way and never gave up. Now that she is in a stable living situation, she is flourishing. She has a 3.9 GPA and plans on attending Humboldt State University in the Fall to study Early Childhood Education to become an Elementary School Teacher. _____ is the most resilient student I have had the pleasure to work with. She is bright, incredibly positive, kind, and hardworking. With her determination and desire to help others she will be an amazing teacher. Financial aid has covered her tuition and fees but falls short in covering her living expenses. We hope that through this scholarship it will allow her to bridge the gap and begin a new life for herself.