



SOUTH TAHOE HIGH SCHOOL

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Student 7

***** is number four of six kids in a single parent home. She is the eldest girl. Her mom is a hard worker and required the older siblings to take a leading role with the parenting as she grew up. As a young girl this left her to be raised by teen – age boys and in her own teen years she became a primary caretaker of her two younger siblings. Her oldest brother was deported when she was in elementary school devastating the family. did not find school to come naturally especially without much academic support at home. Living in the trailers at Bijou under the supervision of older brothers taught her to grow up fast and exposed her to many risky behaviors much too young. She started to fall behind in high school due to her choices outside of school. She struggled with depression. She was set to begin Mt Tallac at the start of her junior year. When she arrived for her in-take (without a parent, as usual) she was dressed in her work uniform and explained that her priorities had changed. She was no longer using weed and alcohol and was committed to holding down a job and catching up in school. She did exactly that and was able to return to STHS as an early grad this year. Last summer she was a Generation Green employee by day and held a restaurant job at night. I frequently saw her riding her bike between jobs at all hours. I would love to see the tenacity and motivation of this student be rewarded.

's goal is to attend LTCC and explore her future further.