



# SOUTH TAHOE HIGH SCHOOL

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## Student 3

---- is a very resilient young lady and deserving of the Hero Scholarship. She has endured anxiety, neglect and abandonment. She has been the oldest in her family which continues to grow despite lack of financial resources. ---- has been able to maintain a very rigorous academic schedule while still maintaining the home care giving responsibilities for her four siblings. Last year her mother gave birth to twin girls. ---- has been expected to take care of all of her siblings as her mother and step-father continue to work low wage jobs. Since being in high school ---- has worked extremely hard earning an incredible 3.95 GPA she had her heart set on leaving home and going off to a well-respected University of California but changes in the family have made that unattainable. In addition to the extra responsibilities in her home ---- has battled with stress, anxiety and insomnia throughout high school. She was struggling so much that it was impacting her ability to sleep at night. Her education, health and family responsibilities were such stressors that she was recommended for counseling. ---- changed to a vegetarian diet which helped. This year she has been able to enjoy herself more with the help of her younger sister taking on some of the family responsibilities. It has allowed ---- the time to participate in extra-curricular activities at school. ---- was able to play the lead role in the Rumors performance this year. Which seemed to relieve her stress because she could stay after school and be with her friends. ---- has finally been able to experience some of the joys of high school that many kids take for granted. Next year, ---- will be attending a Lake Tahoe Community College to start her education and explore her career choices.