



SOUTH TAHOE HIGH SCHOOL

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Student 5

----- is a remarkable human being who continues to impress me with her kindness. Just a few weeks ago she willingly left prom about an hour and a half early to help her mother handle the nighttime routine of putting her younger siblings to bed. ----- is a remarkable daughter, from a very early age she had to become the adult in the household as her mother continues to put her in situations that no teenager should have to handle. ----- is the oldest of four children and was born when her mother was only seventeen. ----- has had a very unstable upbringing being shuffled between her mother and father's family. She has lived in Tahoe, Chicago and Guadalajara never staying in one school for longer than four years. I first met ----- when she enrolled in my ELD class during her sophomore year. Intelligent and dedicated, she quickly earned top grades in my class. ----- had attended elementary school in the US and rapidly acquired language skills that allowed me to transition her to the mainstream English program. ----- later enrolled in Spanish classes with me which allowed me to get to know her better. -----'s mother relies on her to raise her three younger children. ----- is expected handle the majority of the housework before her mom and step dad arrive from work at 5. She is also expected to make dinner and help with homework. ----- also cares for her younger siblings during weekends and hardly has any opportunity to have time of her own. Helping raise her younger siblings is expected. Meanwhile, she is expected to earn good grades and work whenever possible. It often seems that -----'s efforts are not much appreciated by her mother and stepfather. Yet ----- carries on with a smile on her face while she desperately craves to lead a life similar to that of her classmates. ----- plans to attend LTCC and transfer to a four-year university after two years.