SOUTH TAHOE HIGH SCHOOL

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This student is a very bright and hard-working young man and deserving of the Hero Scholarship. He has endured having family struggles and depression that has made life difficult the last few years. This student has always been an overachiever but last year he was hit with depression that made success in all of his classes more challenging. He was able to get help and succeed in school but then this year. He was enrolled in several AP classes this year and started out on top of the class with over a 4.0 GPA. However, attendance at school became difficult seemingly the result of his ongoing battle with depression. Then he got into arguments with his parents about school attendance and his future. After years of doing everything possible to prepare for the best colleges in the country this young man seemingly self-destructed. He failed his AP English Literature class and got into arguments with his parents about his college plans. He even considered not attending college and just continuing his job. His grades suffered and relationships at home got worse until he decided to move out of the house and get his own place. This proved too difficult and he moved in with a friend. Despite all of these challenges, this young man has been resilient. He works many hours and studies even more. He has been finishing this year strong by making up the English, and completing two more AP classes making his total GPA at this point 4.23. This is a remarkable accomplishment for any student but an amazing feat for a young man who had these challenges. He will definitely be ready to take any and all obstacles that his faces in college and his experiences this year should strengthen his effort and commitment to personal success. After graduation, he will attend University of California, Santa Cruz to get his bachelor's degree in computer science.