



# SOUTH TAHOE HIGH SCHOOL

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----- was born in El Salvador but crossed the border in May 2007 at the age of eight. She came to the country where the culture and language was different from her own. She was bullied at school for not knowing the language and because her mom was not with her in the US. The first faces she saw when she arrived to Los Angeles were her father's face and her brother's. It was a unforgettable moment for her because it was her first time meeting her father. She felt grateful that she finally had the chance to meet just an amazing, hard working man like him. The years went by for her in the US and she was making progress with learning English, but her Dad had to go back to El Salvador because he was sick and the hospital and medications were too expensive for him in the US. He was back in his home country for only two months before passing away. ----- wakes up every day knowing that she won't hear his voice again, but then she remembers what he told her, "never give up mija, keep going". She said that those words have stuck with her and she always tries to do her best. She says that knowing that her mom is still in El Salvador and waiting for her return, motivates her to be successful in life. ----- lives with her brother who devotes most of his time trying to earn money for them yet worrying about not having enough money. She is determined to go to college and have a career so she can help her mom and brother have an easier life. At the end of 2016, she received her DACA documents making it easier for her to help her brother and apply for many programs and scholarships.