



SOUTH TAHOE HIGH SCHOOL

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Student 3

***** was born in South Lake Tahoe and attended school in LTUSD from grades K – 5. Her family decided to relocate to Mexico during her 5th grade year due to her grandfather's illness. Sadly, he passed away 6 months later. ***** attended middle school and 9th grade in Mexico. This was difficult because she was not a fluent Spanish speaker. ***** returned on her own to finish high school in the US knowing that she would have far better life opportunities here. It was another adjustment period for her having learned all the subjects in Spanish for four year and now having to learn terms in English she did not know. She has been living with a friend of the family since her arrival almost three years ago and impressively has kept top grades throughout the process despite being far from her parents and having a gap in learning in English for four years. She will attend UC Riverside in the fall to study English and Spanish literature. She chose the campus based on its proximity to the southern border. This will allow to be able to visit her parents in Tijuana; they will take a 3 hour plane ride to connect with her. ***** is a delightful, intelligent, driven, young woman who is very deserving of this honor.