



# SOUTH TAHOE HIGH SCHOOL

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## Student 5

\*\*\*\*\*came to Mt Tallac as a withdrawn, credit deficient junior during the spring of 2017. The metamorphosis of this student has been extremely rewarding to observe. This young man has taken everything that we encompass at Tallac through our mission statement and core values and become the embodiment of these ideals. has finished his credits and is taking an on line Spanish class at LTCC. He is running a peer tutoring program after school with seniors that need extra support to complete their credits. He is providing wake up calls and agendas to these same students. All of this because has decided he wants to become a teacher. is the right hand of our Tallac staff and has helped with community outreach in relation to Tallac as well. is very private and I only just learned of his story which he does not like to discuss nor use to gain sympathy.

was raised with his single mom who was an addict most of his life. He recalls "not knowing different" until 7th grade. He does not know who is biological Father is but believes he is still in Tahoe. In 7th grade 's mom attempted death by suicide. CPS deemed his mom unfit to care for him and he was placed with a great aunt for approx. six months. He began to fail in school and felt discounted by teachers. He was eventually returned to his mom but not a day goes by where he is not worried about her sobriety and her safety. will live with this trauma and pressure for the rest of his life but has decided not to be a victim. He wants to teach so that he can provide support and hope to young people in similar situations.