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The public perception of Durfee is often thought of in a negative light. Many people who do not see what goes on every day at Durfee High School assume it is filled with unmotivated, disruptive students. Moreover, there is always constant criticism of the teachers, administration, or whatever else the pessimists can conjure up. This negative opinion seems to be the most puzzling mystery I have come across in my four years as a student at Durfee. As a graduating senior at the school, from firsthand experience I can say that there is no greater student body, faculty, or administration than the one at Durfee High School. I am here simply to advocate for Durfee High School and describe the immense amount of advantages it has provided me with as I look to further my education.

As graduation season comes to an end, I find myself reflecting upon my last four years as a student and the growth I have had (literally and figuratively). From an academic standpoint the challenges faced in the classroom have forced me to see the limitless potential of an education. This type of academic rigor is upheld throughout the entire building, as there are countless students who value learning, and realize it is truly fun and exciting to absorb all that Durfee has to offer. As outlandish as it sounds, the proof is in the results that Durfee has produced. In today's society, higher education has become almost a necessity and the primary job of a high school is to provide students with the opportunities to receive a college education. In this regard Durfee is exceeding all expectations by sending students to the most competitive and selective schools in the world. As an academic institution, Durfee has opened up opportunities just not possible anywhere else.

The outstanding academic standards create the challenging environment necessary to succeed in today's society, but what really separates Durfee from any other school is the sense of community. The faculty is a tremendous asset not only in the classroom but also in creating an environment that allows the students to get involved in whatever discipline or interest they feel. There is an abundance of clubs and activities that lets any student find their niche within the school. As a student I was able to do so very easily because of the enthusiastic student body and faculty and this has been an essential piece to my growth in high school. It is difficult to describe the pride felt as a member of the Durfee community unless you actually

are a part of it. I suppose the best terms would be to say that I finally felt as if I belonged once I came to Durfee. It is with confidence that I can say the education received at Durfee High School is the reason for my success as a student. As a result of this it has given me the opportunity to further my education and for this I am nothing but grateful.