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For the past four years I have diligently attended B.M.C. Durfee High school and as my senior year quickly comes to a close, I have begun to recognize, reflect, and reminisced on my time at Durfee. Durfee has prepared me in every aspect to succeed in the twenty-first century. I firmly believe that my high school is full of great teachers who inspire and prepare all students for success in an increasingly competitive world. In my schooling career, teachers have created opportunities for me to progress and excel as a student and a person.

I have been able to take advanced placement classes, join sports teams, attend clubs of my interest, and take on many leadership roles. With so much diversity in the extra-circular activities and the curriculum as a whole, it is no wonder Mr. Marshall is always telling his students to “plug in.” Durfee has vast catalogue of offerings that appeal to all, which is worth noting considering our diverse student body.

With these numerous actives and opportunities available to every Durfee student, it is extremely disheartening when our community expresses negativity towards Durfee High School. Like every other high school across America, there are students who choose to make poor decisions. Durfee is a place where students and faculty alike go above and beyond for the benefit of the school community and the surrounding community. Just because Durfee is not always not getting the positive press does not mean, that positive actions are not happening in the school.

When student government raised two thousand dollars for the victims of the Hood Street fire, the Herald news presented it as a back page story; and the story was hardly commented on or read on the Herald News website. However, when a Durfee Student was arrested for something that happens in high schools around the country, the article was front page sensation and had four times the amount of comments compared to the fundraising story. As a student who has benefitted from the positive experiences created by Durfee High School, it is discouraging to know my community focuses on the negative and ignores the positive.

The positives effects that spur from Durfee are a result of the staff at Durfee, as they truly

have the student's best interest at heart. Not only is the faculty invested in the school but also in the community. The staff at Durfee especially the exceptional teachers Durfee has, they do much more than teach. The teachers at Durfee do much more than an ordinary teacher would. They teach us beyond the classroom.

In sum, for the past four years I have thoroughly enjoyed the positive experience I have had at Durfee. My hope for the future is that the community will truly see and appreciate all the outstanding achievements and accomplishments made daily within the walls of Durfee High School.