

Sophie Meinhardt Memorial Scholarship 2013

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When I think about a struggle that I had in my life I think about when I was younger I was bullied by other girls in my school. This made me feel bad about myself and I did not like school and my grades were not good. I talked with my parents and I changed schools. My parents and I were nervous about me changing schools. I remember my mom said if I pray, God and they would help me. I came to St AL's and I felt very welcome. It was a good change. I feel getting in sports and drama at St AL's, helped with me feeling better about myself. The teachers and friends that I met helped me feel good. I also did volunteer work that help to build my self-esteem. I help volunteer at a children's VBS program. I worked with preschool and first grade kids in teaching them about God through different activities. I also volunteered for a summer tutor program for kids who struggle in school (Splash). I work with kids in Kindergarten and first grade. We taught them how to do math and reading and also how God is important. I feel I was helping them with school work and their self-esteem. God can show us the way we just need to ask for help and he will show you the way he wants you should go.

I feel what I went through and going to mass and talking to my parents helped me feel better about myself. I know I still need to work on it but I do think I am doing better in school and other things. I guess this was a learning experience that God wanted me to learn and hopefully I will be a better person for it.

Thanks for letting me share my struggle and what I learned.