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My name is Brandon Frost and I am a student at Tolleson Union High School. I have a 3.6 GPA, I'm in the top 20% of my class, and I'm a member of the National Honor Society.

Before I begin to dive into the importance of NHS, all the great things NHS does, and how we've had such a positive impact on our school and community, I think it's important to discuss how I was able to be inducted into NHS. First things first. When I was promoted to high school, I really wanted to go to Westview just like my father did. Once I found out I was unable to go, I was heartbroken. I was told that I had to go to Tolleson. I thought maybe I could switch schools the next year or semester. Little did I know that Tolleson is a great school filled with excellence, tradition, and pride. I began to fall in love with maroon and gold, soon forgetting all about Westview. I had begun to accept Tolleson as my home and soon realized that we were so lucky to have such great tradition and our very own town to back us up.

Then I stumbled upon some trouble. I was hanging out with the wrong crowd and didn't realize how my actions would soon be affecting my life. I'm not proud of the mistakes I've made, but it's not about those flaws in my life that got me to where I am today. It's more about how I was able to bounce back from those troubles and achieve success. As Rocky Balboa says, "It ain't about how hard you hit. It's about how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward." After my eye opening experience from freshman year, my father helped guide me back onto the right path. It took me a while to earn my reputation back and get my life back together. I pushed myself to achieve in all areas of my life; I understood that I needed to prove to my peers and advisors that I could turn things around. So I did. By the end of my junior year, I was invited into NHS. Next thing you know, they sent me a letter stating I'd been accepted. I was shocked, but excited.

Through NHS, we are able to do many things; not only to better ourselves, but to better our school and community. We started off small and helped pick up after football games and other sporting events at Tolleson. Before you know it, we were helping do concessions, guide new students around the school, and helping out with community events right here in downtown Tolleson. I think we were so lucky to have such a great tradition and our very own town to back us up at Tolleson. It was great!

NHS lets us understand how important it is to help others. That without the help and support that every person, facility, and charity needs, nothing would be able to happen. Everyone in NHS feels great to be able to witness the change in someone's life. It's an amazing feeling to be able to touch someone's life and have a true positive impact on their life. We NHS students at TUHS don't just do the things we do for the hours; we do it for the change we can provide in another's life, the change we can make for our school, and our town.

I wouldn't change my past for anything. I'm proud to be a part of the Tolleson family. I'm glad I was able to spend the past four years of my life here at Tolleson. I will forever and always be a Wolverine.