## Aldana — Tallac was a choice, not a mandate



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During the time that I attended South Tahoe High School I was your average student. I didnâ $\mathbb{I}$  care much about school, I just went, did what I had to do, then went home. My grades were decent, but not all that great. I have never been on probation nor was I ever credit deficient. I am not a mom and I was not kicked out of school, and I am a Mount Tallac student.

I chose to come to Tallac because Tallac works for me, as it does for many other students as well. I can work independently and at my own pace, but get help when I need it. Ever since I've been at Tallac I have discovered so much about myself; whether it be from my passion for art to realizing how much potential I truly have. Because here at Tallac they give us a chance. They don't give up on us the second we mess up. They keep pushing until we reach success.

As for the future, I plan on attending the community college after I graduate. But I do not know where I will be five years from now because things change. What I want now may not be what I want in a year or two. I can only hope. Hope to be graduating from and art institute and hope to be pursuing my

dream job. But no matter what I end up wanting to do or not do, I know I have the support of my teachers, my classmates, my counselor and my principal.

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