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thought I could get a 4.0 G.P.A in my report cards and progress reports. See that year I promised myself that I was going to change for the better and I did. I can honestly say that if it wasn't for the time support and effort my AVID teacher and peers helped with all my academic work I couldn't have made it as far as I did. Obstacles I had to face- I had to face many challenges throughout a lot of my classes and I never thought I could overcome them and succeed in anything and everything. I thank that to my AVID family because I knew they were there for me to back me up and teach me step by step, from then on I knew I wasn't alone and I always had someone to turn to. The help we received- my AVID teacher dedicated all of our tutorials for those tuff midterms and exams and test. It really helped a lot even if I didn't score such high grades on some of the tests those tutorials taught me how to not panic and blank out. It taught me how to do everything step by step. Personal help I receive- AVID has also helped me stay focused more on school and not solely on the social life, it taught me to overcome my mischievous ways too. Since my reputation wasn't known for being such a great student AVID has taught me to redeem myself and that it wasn't too late to change the aspect everyone had of me. I wanted to show everyone that I had changed I wasn't the same old Stefaniee who just thought of school as a playground. I took it seriously and also maintained my straight A's throughout the year. Also being an athlete in school helped me stay focused on what was important. Advice I give- To people who were like how I use to be I say to them wake up, you don't understand how important it is to listen to what teachers tell you because all they want is the best for you. My regrets- I wish I had have the same mentality I do now when I was younger

and just starting fresh and middle school, I tell them I sometimes wish I could go back in time and change things for the better. Luckily I have a AVID teacher that is always there for me to cheer me up and remind me not to cry over spilled milk. Thanks- To my AVID teacher I thank so much for giving me the chance to be a part of a life changing program. If it wasn't for her I would not be a part of this magnificent program. No one really understands how much AVID has helped me, it has taught me to be a better student, friend and most importantly a better person.