

Drug-Free Clubs of America is a huge step into creating a brighter future for this generation. This club brings schools, families, and communities together to help stop the fight against drug use and the effects it can cause. I have been in Drug-Free Clubs of America for almost two years now and I've seen a change in my community and myself because of it. I've been through situations where the club has helped me out which ended up changing my perspective of the club from the beginning to now, which is the topic I will be talking about.

I view the club completely differently from when I originally joined. This is because of the effects I've seen take place because of the club. I joined during my junior year and I am now a senior. When I originally joined, I joined because my mom was making me. I wasn't too thrilled because it just seemed like another club and activity that could just get in my way from working on projects in school. I have no intentions and I never had intentions to do drugs in the first place so I thought it was completely pointless for me to join. I knew the club existed but I just had no interest in it.

After joining I grasped the idea of what the club could do for me in the long run. I realized that Drug-Free Clubs of America was something I could put later on in a resume for a new job. So I had an understanding at this point that the club is beneficial to me and isn't something to pull me out of class. But I still had yet to understand the full potential of the club.

Towards the beginning of my senior year this year, I ran into a problem I've never had in my life. I was offered a vape by one of my classmates while in school. This is someone I've known quite well throughout the past year. I have never run into this issue before because all of the people that get to know me, know my morals, and know that I do not do any kind of drug or alcohol and nor do I intend to. This situation was completely new to me and I immediately declined. After the situation, I understood the importance of the club. Some people at that moment feel pressure to take a drug when being asked, but if they were a part of Drug-Free Clubs of America, they can then say that they get drug tested, which would release the pressure of the drug opportunity.

Knowing that I have the chance to say that I get drug tested helps reinforce that I will not be taking up the offers of drug use. From the beginning of my junior year, thinking this club would just get into my way, to now ending my senior year knowing how beneficial this club is. I am grateful that I did end up joining and that I was able to get good use out of the club too.

I believe that Drug-Free Clubs of America is a club that every student in high school should join and take advantage of. It can truly be a lifesaver from falling into the trap of lifelong drug use that affects yourself along with the people around you. One test is all it takes for a life to change and DFCA can offer that. This club won't just bother you or get in your way, but it will be a milestone in a successful and healthy life. At this point of my senior year, I can only find positive ideas when I think of Drug-Free Clubs of America.