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Drug Free Club of America has not only affected me, but also everyone in my school either directly or indirectly. The club gives participants accountability that each of us get filled with joy once upholding. The question I will be answering today is, "How do you view the club differently from the beginning to now?" My school has changed so much for the better since DFCA was introduced. Although some of that can be accredited to the type of students we have leading the way as upperclassmen, I do give credit to DFCA where it's due. That is why I used to view DFCA as just another club to be a part of, when in reality it has changed my school for the better.

I used to view DFCA as just another club, because I had no idea the type of impact it could have on those who participated. Staying drug free may be simple for some people, but coming into high school when and where I did it was seen as an accomplishment. That is why being rewarded for achieving this goal meant a lot to me. Although I felt great after this, there was no short term solution to the problems going on. That is why at the beginning of being in the club I took it for granted, without seeing the future it would hold.

I now view DFCA as one of the reasons my school has changed for the better. Not only has the club been a part of my life at school since coming into highschool, but it has also helped transform me into the leader I am today. After years of viewing the effects of the club within my school I can proudly say that it has given many students, including me, the confidence to be different. This characteristic that they gained from DFCA transformed them into leaders as well. With a surplus of leaders as upperclassmen now we have seen major improvements within the school and our community as a whole. Whether these leaders have shown their leadership vocally or through their actions, they have all left their mark on Fostoria High School. That is why I truly believe that everyone in my school has been affected by DFCA either directly or indirectly.

I used to view DFCA as just another club to be a part of, when in reality it has changed my school for the better. DFCA may very well be one of the best things to ever happen to Fostoria high school. I can only hope that the underclassmen take this opportunity to maintain and build upon the image we have restored to our school. Though it was hard to get to where we are, I have nothing but faith that our underclassmen and our DFCA program will continue to inspire, succeed, and leave a legacy within the community of Fostoria. With that being said, I'd like to thank DFCA for being more than freshmen me could've ever imagined when signing up. Thank you for taking the time to read and consider my essay!