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Drugs Free Clubs of America is a country wide club that schools can offer to their students. In my opinion, Drugs Free Clubs of America has had a major impact on our school. South Gallia High School has participated in Drugs Free since 2022. We were first introduced to this club when a couple of students from Buckeye Hills Career Center came and talked to the high school about what Drugs Free Clubs of America was and how you could be a part of it. They explained how much the club affected their school in a positive way so I thought it was a great idea to join.

In our community there has been a rise in drugs and people losing their life because they have become addicted. Almost everyday, you see on the local news that there has been a drug bust or someone has been selling drugs to others. It's sad to see that people are losing family members and friends to something like this. I think that this influenced the students in our school to join this club. It's amazing to see how many students from our school have joined such an important club within the last two years. Personally, the Drugs Free Club is something that I encourage others to join because I've had first hand experience of watching a close family member get caught up in doing and selling drugs. I believe Drugs Free Clubs of America is a great way to keep kids our age from making a bad decision that could affect their lives forever.

I've been a member of the Drugs Free Clubs of America since my junior year of high school. At first, most of my classmates joined because we got the opportunity to go on field trips and have small activities once a month. I think most kids were not seeing the importance of what this club means and how we could represent it throughout the county. Our principal, Bray Shamblin, was very informative in encouraging us to join this club. He explained how our school could benefit from this club which really stood out to me. He explained how the schools in our district compete for an award on who has the most students participating in the club. This really inspired me to talk to others about the club and explain how they could join because I love a challenge. We are the smallest school in the district making it more difficult to have a high number of students in the club. We achieved our goal this past winter and was awarded for having the highest percentage of students in Drugs Free Clubs of America in the district. It was a great feeling seeing how proud our principal was that we were able to receive such an extraordinary award.

During a high school varsity boys game we were recognized for this achievement in front of our community. I was lucky enough to be able to be one of those members who was there to accept the trophy. This was a great way to announce this because the community was able to be informed on how students in our school are being involved. Drugs Free is more than a club to me because it signifies that students are making the

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right choices and are staying healthy. In conclusion, Drugs Free Clubs of America has significantly changed our school for the better.