

For the most part, I had a pretty normal childhood. My parents treated me well and I usually did pretty good in school. However, I remember I often felt weird, out of place and just off. I had friends but I never was one of the cool kids. Part of this would feed on itself, like since I wasn't part of a group I had to differentiate myself. Eventually this resulted in me being pretty anti-authority and rebelling against my parents and school. I started getting in trouble, at first just little altercations at school and becoming more destructive. I smoked weed for the first time in October 2006, in eighth grade. It was fun, it felt different, I was out of my head, it let me not worry or care. I didn't get into it very heavily at first but it was just a matter of time. I got drunk for the first time in December 2007 and eventually started using pot on a more regular basis. In May 2008, I was drunk and/or high with a friend and we were joyriding in his dad's jeep, it rolled three times and I broke my neck. Several months later, the same day I got the neck brace off, I snuck out of my parents' basement to go get high with friends. Looking back, this is one of those experiences where I know I am an alcoholic and addict. Over time, my addiction grew: I began to experiment with various other drugs, blacking out & using more heavily, and getting in trouble with the law, school, and my parents. On August 27th, 2010, a few weeks into my senior year of high school, I was drinking with friends at a park after one of the high school football games. I drove back drunk, and crashed my car, totaling two vehicles and almost killing two girls. That was the last time I drank, and

recovery fellowship are available to help those in need at any time. I feel that continuing to grow these resources will only help more students in recovery.

Helping others on campus has contributed to my recovery on campus in that it has allowed me to get out of myself and to help others in addiction. Sometimes, it has happened where I will be talking with someone after class and drug use will come up, and if appropriate I can tell them about my experience and why and how I don't use