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What Makes a True Friend

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Anyone that is a current or former high school student can attest to the fact that friends come and go throughout high school. Some friends stick with you forever, but surely everyone in high school has gone through some sort of drama and has lost a friend or two along the way. The question that crosses the minds of many throughout life is "What makes a true friend?" I'm here to answer that for you today!

A true friend is honest. If your friend keeps secrets from you, and you feel as if you cannot trust them, you should be asking yourself if that person is a true friend. You should always feel 100% comfortable in a friendship, and should be able to be yourself with said friend.

A true friend is loyal. Think back to a time where you have been in some sort of drama. Did that friend stick up for you no matter what, or did they side with the other person? If your friend even remotely questions who they are sticking up for, then you should be asking yourself if that person is a true friend.

A true friend is supportive. When you are going through hard times, your true friend

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should listen to your woes, dry your tears, and even "knock some sense" into you if you need it. No matter how big or small the problem is, a true friend is always there to help.

Lastly, a true friend is fun. You both should consensually enjoy being around each other. Sleepovers, random road trips, taking selfies, and movie marathons are some things that friends do, but it is all up to you and your friend! All that matters is that you two have a blast together, no matter what you are doing.

If you evaluate these characteristics and find that none of your friends meet the criteria, have no fear! Life puts amazing people into our lives when we least expect it. My advice to the readers of this newspaper is to appreciate past friends, and be patient for the true friends to come along!

Martin Arias

by. Evan Pepper

Recently, I had the opportunity to interview Martín Arias, an exchange student from Ecuador. An extremely nice and funny kid, I asked him a few questions about his year in Brownsville, and these were his responses:

1. How did you like your time in Brownsville this year?

"Brownsville was great. I met and made a lot of friends. Everyone helped me and treated me with respect. Alan and Daniel are my two best friends here."

2. How does school here compare to school in your home town?

"School here is very, very different. We don't change classrooms for classes, we don't have lockers, and we wear uniforms in Ecuador. My school is a lot smaller back home and the lunch is cheaper (and

tastes better, too!)"

3. Would you ever consider coming back?

"Of course I want to come back! I met so many people and I'm going to miss them all. I'm going to miss speaking English and all of the American culture."

4. What were your best and worst experiences here?

"My best experience here was playing soccer here with my friends and sharing my culture with them. My worst experience was when I got lost in school- I didn't know where to go or what books to bring or where anything was."

5. Do we live up to the American stereotypes?

"Yes I do think Americans live up to some of their stereotypes. A lot of my friends eat fast food and there are lot more obese people here compared to my county, but I can't really think of any more stereotypes."

Recommended Clubs for Underclassmen

Kelsey Wolfe

Brownsville Area High School is home to over 30 different clubs and organizations. As a graduating senior, I must say, it has been the extracurricular activities in this school that have made the most impact on me. Clubs and organizations, and the opportunities that have presented themselves through them, have not only been a huge resume builder, but also have allowed me to dabble in new activities that I may have never taken part in otherwise. My extracurricular activities have allowed me to find my passions and effected my future plans in turn. These reasons, as well as the level of enjoyment one receives being a part of a group, therefore lead me to believe that every high school student should take a step outside of their comfort zone and join a club. With the school year coming to a close, underclassmen, as well as upcoming freshmen, have the opportunity to begin thinking of the upcoming year. As a member of a large number of clubs and organizations, I feel qualified enough to give recommendations and suggest clubs that one should join next year.

Firstly, we have Interact. One of the largest clubs in the school, Interact is very community service oriented. It is all about doing for others. The club's motto is "Service Above Self", and it holds true. From organizing a Christmas Party for CYS kids to collecting money during the Pennies for Patients campaign, Interact never stops working all through the school year. It has been a privilege to be a member of Interact, to be surrounded by other students trying to make a difference in our world, and I can only hope that next year, more students will take the step to be the change they wish to see in the world.

For artistic students and non-artistic students alike, the Art Club is a great place to express yourself! Throughout the year, the club will meet to do all sorts of fun projects. Though they didn't this year, normally in the fall they carve pumpkins to enter in a pumpkin carving contest. In the past they have

teamed up with BARC to paint boards to brighten up the abandoned buildings of Brownsville. Some meeting will turn into contests of who can recreate a piece of art the best in a certain time frame. I have nothing but fond memories of Art Club. It's a club which anyone can enjoy and I strongly urge more students to join.

Though I could talk about my love for our school's organizations all day, I am only recommending my top three. My final recommendation must go to student council. Student Council is a great way to get involved with what goes on with some of the aspects of our school year. It is from Student Council that a homecoming committee is picked. The club helps create a theme and decorate it from top to bottom. Homecoming, though the big event of Student Council's year, is only part of what the club is involved with. Student Council heads the student section themes at football games, participates in community service projects, helps collect hats and gloves for the CYS Christmas Party, and so much more. So, if you're looking to get involved with what goes on within Brownsville High School, look into joining Student Council.

Outside the three clubs I spoke of, there is so much more going on within the walls of Brownsville Area High School. You have so many opportunities to get involved. Join Environmental Club, LEO Club, Try-Hi-Y, YEA, Yearbook... Join the marching band... Audition for the musical... Try out for a sport. High school is about making memories, and if you get involved, you'll never have a dull moment. Make your four years here count and take every opportunity. As I senior, I can say, it will come to an end before you know it.

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