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Prom Tickets Contest

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### How Primavera Has Changed My Life

My life has always been complicated; everyone's is. But in August of 2017 I was hospitalized for my depression, and everything spiraled out of control more than ever before. This one hospitalization turned into nearly a year of treatment, with seven months taking place out of state. I was devastated for several reasons, one being the fact that choosing to take care of myself caused me to fall behind in school. At that time in my life, school was my identity. I was known as 'the smart kid,' and the advanced classes that I took simply became an extension of myself.

When I finally did return home, I attempted to attend public school again, but it was much more overwhelming than I remembered it. Everyone was asking me where I had been, and why I was suddenly taking less rigorous courses (it was the only way I could catch up). Obviously, I am comfortable discussing my hardships at this point, but back then, it was still a very sensitive subject. I only ended up returning to my old school for one day, and this realization that I needed something different is what introduced Primavera Online into my life. Primavera allowed me to ease my way back into regular society while also catching up on the school I missed. I started out at a slow pace, with the intention of adding the school clubs and activities to my schedule later on. More importantly, however, I had time to begin working on my newly-discovered passion: Filmmaking. In the past, my future was always planned out perfectly, but when a wrench was thrown in my plans, I realized that the traditional path was not

what I truly wanted. Since I can work at my own pace with Primavera, I have been able to finish my work early, providing me with the time I need to work on writing original screenplays and recording videos. Because of my academic freedom with this school, I was finally able to discover who I truly am in this new chapter of my life.

One final thing I would like to emphasize is that despite being online, Primavera puts together a prom. I never went to any high school activities in the past, mostly because I never allowed myself to have any fun. However, I did always promise myself that I would go to prom. To me, it just seemed like something I had to do, even if I had to go alone. Last year was my Junior year, and I missed prom due to being in treatment. I did not think that I would ever have the chance to go to prom, and my disappointment was immeasurable for a good portion of time. Ultimately, prom is what convinced me to enroll in Primavera Online when I was researching my future possibilities. I knew that through this school, I could live my life with the needed accommodations, without sacrificing many of the crucial elements of the 'high school experience.'