

On June eighteenth I received an MIP for having possession of wine with three of my friends, Carolina, Caroline, and Bridget. We decided to go down to the docks at Marshall Ford Marina to hang out and one of my friends brought a bottle of wine which she got from her house. Each of us took a couple sips and proceeded to eat, talk, and swim. It was around 10:30 and we were the only ones at the docks, so we decided to take advantage. One of us thought that it would be fun to push the big rocks off the hill into the lake, so that's what we did. After about twenty minutes of doing that, my friend Caroline rolled one of the big rocks over her foot so we had to go back to the docks and decided that we should pour the wine on her toe so it wouldn't get infected from the possible bacteria in the lake. Moments later, two officers walked up to us and immediately saw the now empty bottle of wine. Obviously, assuming we drank an entire bottle of wine, the officers charged all four of us with MIP's and we had to get our parents to pick us up from the docks. I completely regret putting myself in this kind of situation after seeing all the effects of my poor decision. I realize that my actions have the potential to really effect where I go to college and any future jobs I might have. During the time I made this decision, I was not thinking about the long term effects it could have on my life. After this experience I will definitely be more conscious about the choices I am making and will do my best to make the right decisions and stay out of trouble. I am very lucky to have a judge that gave me the option to have a chance to wipe this off my record. I am aware that Judge Glenn Bass had the ability to be harsher on me and my friends, and I am glad that he is generous enough to give me this option. The two classes I have been to so far, including *Alive25* and *CAC* have been helpful to me. After seeing real life situations of people's lives being ruined by drinking and getting behind the wheel, my view on it has changed for the better. I am now, not only a more aware driver, but I made a commitment to always wear my seatbelt and make all of my passengers wear their seatbelts as well any time that I am driving. I now realize the importance of wearing a seatbelt because in some unfortunate situations, it is truly the difference between life and death. I will do my best to apply the helpful things I have learned at these two classes to my life and I look forward to seeing the results of my actions over the course of my high school career and the rest of my life.