

The reason I am attending these classes are because my friends and I decided to make a poor decision one night. I was with three of my friends who are taking this class with me. We all received MIP's for having possession of a wine bottle one night at the Marshall Ford Marina. We all wanted to hang out so my two girlfriends and I met our other friend Malcolm at the marina after having dinner at my house and not telling my parents where we were going to go. My friend, Caroline, had brought a wine bottle with her which we brought down to the marina with us. Everyone had one sip and then we went and pushed boulders off the hill, which was very unsafe. I realize that if we had consumed more alcohol, and had been pushing boulders, all of our lives could have been in danger. Even without having consumed very much alcohol, we were doing something dangerous. Caroline pushed a rock over her foot and it was very injured so we told her to pour some of the alcohol on it, to disinfect it. Therefore, we did not end up drinking very much of the wine, but we did have intentions of doing so and then driving which could have been disastrous. After having to go through this entire process, I realized that it's not worth it. We could have had just as much fun without needing alcohol. It seems silly now looking back that we felt the need to bring the wine. It was not worth it at all. It wasn't worth the process, and it wasn't worth disappointing our parents or potentially destroying our futures.

My MIP citation could have affected my ability to get accepted into the colleges that I wanted, and later getting good high-paid jobs. I'm very lucky that our judge was nice enough to offer us deferrals so that we don't have to worry about colleges seeing this citation on our applications. I am going to fulfill all of the requirements of the deferral so I will not have to receive future consequences that may affect my entire life.

I learned very many helpful things in the two classes i have attended so far that I know will come helpful in many situations in the future. In the first class, I learned many safe things about driving that I did not realize were so dangerous, and I also realized that it could be me or my family in an accident, I am not invincible, and I need to make sure everything I do will ensure my safety. In the second class, I learned a lot about how important it is to attend school, graduate and go to a good college. It made me realize what the difference between different degrees can mean in regards of my paycheck in the future, so I know that I have to work hard now in school and have good attendance so I can have a good life when I am an adult.