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"Home"

The adage "there is no place like home"

perfectly represents the community I am part of. I have not lived here my entire life- just four years total- but the experiences have been worth-while. This community is a life of its own and I have found myself through being here. With that being said, the Homewood community means everything to myself. Without it, there is no telling where I would be presently- both my mental state and physical well-being. The community is important to me because it has opened doors for myself that did not exist in other

places I have lived. For instance, the school I go to- Westinghouse Highschool- has an abundance of great teachers that have had a positive impact on my life. In a way, they shaped the course of actions I committed then and commit now. It is, ultimately, my goal to earn a full scholarship, so, with the teacher's help I can manifest that in the future. I'm grateful for the opportunities at greatness available in this community as well. I could go on and on about how important this faction is for myself. Its impact on me has been life changing and I would have it no other way. I dream that Homewood can be a safer environment. Sure, making smart decisions impacts what will occur to you but "wrong place at the wrong time" is very applicable here. I

hope the community can be more united and on the same page, one day. It would greatly benefit the community as a whole and the city. We can all extend our grasp and influence, so I will do my part in positively affecting my comrades. My dreams will not live out in vain. Without a doubt, I love my family within the community- both literal bloodline and friends included. As an avid runner, I enjoy running around Homewood in places such as the school field, trails, and hills- I love them all equally. My favorite place to run in Homewood is the field in the back of Westinghouse. It is not in the best of conditions, but the memories I have had there make it a place of comfort and joy. To end, the Homewood community signifies a chance at doing more with yourself and bettering your life. Make the choice to be great and this community will have your back forever.