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Change Makes a Difference

What is change? It is the act of making something or someone different. In August 2020 I realized my life was changing. It was my freshman year of high school. I was somewhat fearful. The positive difference for me would be joining the high school marching band.

My fellow band members, directors, and band parents would become my close-knit family and encouragers. These are my people. Our small high school band hall isn't big enough to hold 130 students at one time, so each section must practice in different areas of the school. Even so, our tenacity made the difference.

We embraced challenges and changes together. We braved the Texas summer heat for 6-8 hour field practices, traveled long distances for games and competitions and gained a new Band Director. The tangible outcomes of our hard work were placing 1st in most competitions and being a top 10 band in the UIL State Marching Band competition yearly.

As senior year ends, I see how the band has, with all of its own challenges, made a difference in me. Letting go of fear and climbing over hurdles changes your perspective. Going forward, it will lead me to success in college and a career.

Enjoying caring for and working with others has led me to choose a career in the field of Radiology Technology. I hope sharing my insight on how perseverance can make a difference helps others. Change is inevitable but can indeed make positive differences in all of us.