Newsletter for Crimestoppers (Oct 2023) Ambassador Reina L. Ramos from Port Neches Groves High School

"What is Crime Stoppers to you?" A question most ambassadors and members have been asked again and again. The boring definition would be, "it's an organization that helps provide information anonymously for criminal activities," and it's not a bad definition, it's just not *my* definition.

I joined Crime Stoppers as a freshman. I was starry eyed and just being introduced to the many justice-based organizations centered in Texas. But by far the one I enjoyed the most was Crime Stoppers. I didn't know what to expect walking into the Crime Stoppers Convention. I was nervous because I was being interviewed for an ambassador position, excited to learn from the lecturers and speakers they had for us, and most importantly I was ready to meet new people that had a similar interest with me. I found that almost immediately at Crime Stoppers, I met amazing new people from El Paso to Paris Texas and to think that was before I became an ambassador, so can you imagine what it was like for me once I became one?

Being an ambassador is almost like having a second family. Even though I'm not the most talkative person, everyone was super patient and understanding with me. Not to mention all the amazing opportunities that came with being an ambassador as well!

Being a part of campus crime stoppers gives you the opportunity to gain scholarships and key knowledge for pursuing a degree in the justice system. It only gets better with giving you the opportunity to make a difference and make new friends from all over the state!

So if you had to ask me what my definition of campus crime stoppers would be, I would tell you that," Campus Crime Stoppers" is the perfect blend of justice, education, safety, opportunity, and friendship."