

My name is Evan. I am a freshman at UT and I have been in recovery for nine months. When I was applying to colleges one of my main concerns was whether or not the environment I would be entering would be conducive to my recovery. My parents and I both had some concerns about me attending UT because it is such a big school and we felt that it would be very possible for me to get lost in the crowd. We thought it might be a better idea to attend a smaller college but as we were researching schools we came across the Center for Students in Recovery at UT. No other colleges I was looking at offered anything like it. This gave me some relief to my fears; in fact it made me set on attending UT. Once I got there I found CSR to be exactly what I needed in an environment like UT. It was a group of other students that I could relate to, fit in with, and be accountable to. It has been a blessing in so many ways. I find myself looking forward to every Wednesday when we meet. It has become my home group and I have become closely connected with all the students in the group. If it had not been for CSR I would not have attended UT.