

Tyler Brown Scholarship

Candidate, Nathan Jackson

Tyler's zest for life, academic achievements and passion for helping others, are characteristics that I have found in myself. Upon entering Woodward in middle school, I took it upon myself to be immersed in the school's community, reach for academic excellence, but most importantly do my best. Although at times I found my transition challenging, I continued to be motivated by the notion that doing my best was all that mattered. At the end of my 7th grade year, I earned the Woodwardway Award. As a new student, I was honored to learn the significance of the award and to know that my teachers saw that quality in me meant so much. Since those early days, the "Woodwardway" has been a pivotal influence for me throughout high school. Through hard work, I've excelled academically and earned the Woodward Academy Golden Eagle Honor Award each year. As I resolve my senior year, I'm proud to be graduating Summa Cum Laude. In addition, I'm also a member of the National Merit Honors Society. I have enjoyed being an active member and held various leadership roles in the Robert W. Woodruff Marching Band (assistant drum major, section leader), Symphonic Winds, jazz band, Boys Varsity Lacrosse (co-captain), WA Serves, Service Leadership Board, Horizon Advisory Board, Black Student Union and Eagle Scout.

As I look forward to my college experience at Georgia Tech, the Tyler Brown Scholarship would be a tremendous aid and honor in pursuing a degree in Neuroscience. In such an incredible environment of problem solvers and innovators, I'm anxious to begin my next chapter as a GT Yellow Jacket. In admiration of Tyler, I'm humbled and would be honored to continue his legacy of leadership and service as the 2021 scholarship recipient.

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As I reflect on my last bitter sweet moments of high school, I have come to realize that my time at Woodward can be best summarized by Tyler Brown's senior quote "The only life worth living is one in the service of others." by Albert Einstein. Much like Tyler, these words of wisdom truly resonate with my journey to become a servant leader in our community. From an early age, my parents instilled the importance of being involved in meaningful causes. I have enjoyed volunteering with WA Serves as well as with organizations such as A.G. Rhodes Atlanta, Second Wind Dreams, Action Ministries, Ronald McDonald House, etc. For the last two years, I've been a member of the Woodward Service Leadership Board (SLB) where I'm fortunate to help bring meaningful community service opportunities to students as well as make an impact in the community. I have appreciated the opportunity to fight against childhood food insecurity by leading the Blessings in a Backpack initiative which supports students at Asa Hilliard Elementary School. With the pandemic and challenges that families are facing, the need has been even greater. Hilliard has been very appreciative of our donations. I continue to help these wonderful kids through my service work with Horizons Atlanta, who supports the Hilliard community as well. For the past 2 years, I have volunteered in the Woodward Horizons summer program as a swim assistant, third grade classroom counselor, website assistant and most importantly getting to know the students. The campers seemed to enjoy seeing someone that looked like them. Honestly, the experience is far more rewarding for me but I am grateful that the students view me as a positive role mole. Tyler's legacy of service to others and the ultimate sacrifice to serve this country is extraordinary. As I step on Georgia Tech's campus this summer,

I plan to continue to take Tyler's passion to heart. Service has given my life a new meaning, as I recognize a responsibility to support a cause greater than myself.