

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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About Me

I am a 16-year-old high school student, currently navigating the exciting journey of dual enrollment at GTCC (Guilford Technical Community College). I reside in the charming town of McLeansville, North Carolina, where I am fortunate to live with my wonderful parents, two amazing siblings, and our beloved mini Bernedoodle, Princess, who truly brings so much joy to our home. From a very young age, I have always had a deep love for reading, and this passion seamlessly grew into an even greater love for writing. I first began my writing journey when I was just five years old, copying the words from the books I enjoyed so much. This simple act sparked a creative fire within me that led me to craft comics and short stories. Today, I am incredibly proud to call myself a published author, having written and released my very own children's book!

Becoming An Author

My debut book, *Gratitude: The Christmas Lesson*, was written during my time as a student at Greensboro Academy. The school's emphasis on moral focus played a huge role in shaping the core values I hold dear. The teachings at Greensboro Academy weren't just words; they were woven into the very fabric of the school's culture, leaving a lasting impact on me that I carry with me to this day. I firmly believe that learning about moral focus is essential, particularly for young people, and I am eager to continue sharing these messages. In fact, my second book in the Moral Focus series, which centers around the theme of perseverance, is set to be published in the Spring 2025.

Y Impact

I am beyond grateful to the Y for supporting our family with a membership that encourages us to strive for our best selves. Through its commitment to supporting youth development and promoting moral focus, the Y plays a key role in guiding young people like me.