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Throughout my time at Woodward, I have participated in numerous academic, athletic, and service oriented activities that have shaped my values and who I am today. I have been a member of the Woodward Varsity swim team for four years, and have been on the leadership team during my Junior and Senior years. I also have received the highest academic achievement award on my team for my junior and senior seasons. In addition to swimming at Woodward, I also swam year round at Life Time Athletics swim team for 10 years. Over the course of these years, I have built strong relationships with my teammates and coaches and learned the importance of hard work and sportsmanship.

I also have been a Girl Scout for 9 years and earned my Bronze and Silver awards. I earned my silver award in 10th Grade for starting a Brownie Girl Scout troop at the Boys and Girls Club, where we taught Girl Scout code, lessons, and the importance of service, leadership, and uplifting our communities. In addition, I tutored chemistry and english to underclassmen through Peerkonnect at Woodward during my senior year. Tutoring not only helped strengthen my knowledge in these subjects, but it was very rewarding seeing academic progress in my students and seeing concepts click with them.

I also played the Cello for the Woodward Philharmonia Orchestra for all four years, where we learned new music pieces and techniques, performed in concerts and competitions, and traveled to New York.

Additionally, I worked part time at Publix for all four years of highschool as a cashier. During my time at work, I built lifelong friendships with my co-workers, and strengthened my

connection to my community around me. At work, I cashiered, bagged groceries, aided customers, and helped train new employees.

During the summer before my senior year, I went on the Costa Rica ecology trip, where we traveled around Costa Rica and learned about the natural ecology, Costa Rican culture and history, and forest preservation and sustainability efforts. My favorite memories from this trip were designing a research project where we studied the effects of human built structures on hummingbird activities, as well as volunteering for a forest restoration project, where we were able to plant new trees that would help restore deforested areas.

Overall, my time at Woodward has taught me the value of hard work, teamwork, and giving back, preparing me well for pursuing excellence and service at Georgia Tech.

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Tyler Brown made the ultimate sacrifice — one that stands as a testament to his courage, selflessness, and an unwavering commitment to humanity. His actions in both life and death epitomized the essence of leadership and service, attributes he manifested daily as a student, soldier, and exemplary citizen. He did not measure his life by wealth or accolades, but by his ability to uplift and inspire those around him for the greater cause of humanity. As I walk the halls of Woodward Academy and look forward to my future at Georgia Tech, the very institutions that shaped Mr. Brown, I am deeply inspired by his legacy. It is with a profound sense of responsibility that I strive to embody the integrity, bravery, selflessness, and leadership that Tyler Brown exemplified, carrying his spirit into every facet of my own life and endeavors.

Throughout my high school career, I have strived to pursue excellence and leave a lasting impact on those around me and the activities I have participated in. Whether I was teaching Girl Scout code to my junior Girl Scouts, tutoring chemistry to underclassmen, pushing myself and my teammates in the pool, or even making someone smile at Publix, I can proudly say that I have done so with integrity and the desire to uplift the world around me. I believe that the best way to make a difference in the world is by being a positive light to those around me, and by leaving the places around me better than they were before.

As I transition from Woodward to Georgia Tech, I am grateful for the foundation of excellence and service it has instilled in me, principles that Tyler Brown exemplified in his life. At Georgia Tech, I will continue to be a force for positive change—pursuing innovation in biochemical research and technology, and fostering community engagement. I wish to uphold Tyler's legacy through dedicated service and leadership, making meaningful contributions that resonate with his enduring spirit. This scholarship represents not just financial support, but a commitment to live out the values that defined Tyler's remarkable legacy.