

South Tahoe High School

Lake Tahoe Unified School District

"Home of the Vikings"



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Scholarship Committee

_____ is a fine young man who has overcome many obstacles prior to moving to our community. _____ recently shared some of his struggles with PTSD due to a trauma he had experienced in early childhood. I am so impressed with _____'s actions after hearing about his trouble.

_____ is a perfect example of the adage from Epictetus "It is not what happens to you but how you react to it that matters" _____ has recently decided to respond to being the victim of sexual assault as a child with forgiveness toward the person rather than resentment and anger. He also has chosen to make the most of his life instead of allowing this horrible crime to destroy him. This transformation really developed in high school and when his older sister confided in him about being victimized by the same person. _____ began the healing process. He continues to struggle and is going to therapy.

As you can imagine, _____ struggled with containing his anger and hatred for the world. He suffered in silence and told no one about the incident until finally confiding in his older sister. However, now he has chosen to make something good of this tragedy. He is driven to study psychology and learn how to help other victims of sexual crimes who may not have a voice. He will help his sister, who is developing an organization that will help children. When _____ started talking with his sister he started to come alive and enjoy life again. She really assisted in his ability to heal.

A review of _____ transcripts reveals that he is an academic leader as well with a 4.1 GPA.

_____ will have completed 7 Honors and Advanced Placement classes in high school. He is a hard-working and competitive student. He has obtained a rigorous education despite his extreme commitment to athletic competition. _____ loves to take on challenges in life and achieves success.

In addition to excelling in his academics, _____ has enjoyed the competition and struggle of being a member of our Varsity Football Team. As the team Captain, _____ was a strong player leader. Prior to his senior year, _____ was involved in the Boys and Girls Club providing mentoring and tutoring younger children in his community. These positions are evidence of his fine leadership qualities, his cooperative manner of working with others and his ability to take responsibility.

I am pleased to recommend for the Hero Scholarship. _____ is a bright, self-motivated, hardworking and talented young man. _____ has been accepted to Pacific University in Oregon and will compete on their football team. He has earned academic scholarships to cover a large part of his tuition and the Pell grant will help as well. However, his father's social security doesn't cover the expected family contributions so he will be expected to take out some loans. Your investment in _____ future will help him follow through with attaining his goals and putting his nightmares behind him.

Respectfully,

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