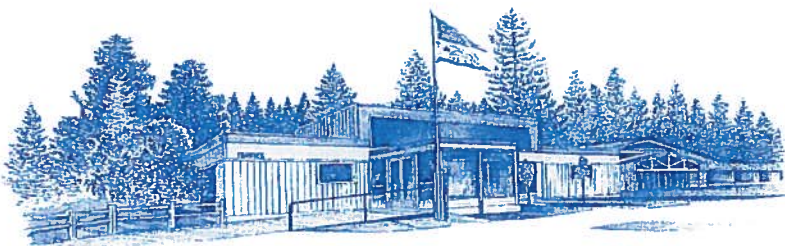


South Tahoe High School

Lake Tahoe Unified School District

"Home of the Vikings"



Scholarship Committee,

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is another deserving recipient of the Hero Scholarship. He is an Upward Bound student who is unique, independent, hard-working, and eclectic young man. He has pushed himself academically throughout high school and demonstrated his thirst for knowledge in all areas including math, science, philosophy and psychology. Most parents would be proud to have a son like . However, he has lived most of his life knowing that he would never be what his father wanted in a son.

has earned a 3.756 Weighted Academic 10-12 GPA, despite working many hours and having a very active schedule. This young man has many challenges that he has overcome including being the product of a family history of poverty as well as physical, verbal, and emotional abuse that is generational passed down by his father's family. When was young he always tried to please his father but he could never satisfy him. was not athletic and outgoing instead he is a sensitive and introspective musician. This disparity between and his father's expectations blew up in high school. His father would often get drunk and start verbal fights. However, one day the fight escalated and turned into a physical altercation. As a result was kicked out of the house. He spent several months of rejection not allowed to return to his home. layed temporarily with friends. Unfortunately his grades were harmed by not having the personal or academic support. Despite the lack of educational assistance of his home or AVID, was able to take advantage of many advanced placement courses. During this time, learned much about decision making and personal responsibility and time management. He still has a strained relationship with his father but hopes to reconcile and have mutual respect someday in the future.

Throughout high school has worked diligently outside of the classroom. He has been a car wash attendant and a dishwasher. labored long and hard to earn the money to meet his current needs and save for college expenses. When isn't involved at school or work he loves to play piano. His piano relaxes and invigorates him to develop his ability to contemplate life. also enjoys running track and field because it gives him more time to think. This young man appreciates the opportunities that he has been given and wants to assist others as he has been helped in his time of need. He doesn't have time for many volunteer activities but has valued the experience of feeding the homeless. He hopes to have a greater impact on the people that need help and believes that will be possible with a good education. is a ready for the intellectual challenge and stimulation of college. I am confident that Bryan is prepared both academically and personally to succeed in college.

is an ideal Hero candidate because of his resilience and work ethic. This young man will not give up. He has an interest in learning and not just getting the grades. He is inquisitive and really enjoys thought provoking classes. has been influenced by the AP Psychology and the Philosophy courses that opened his world to Aristotle. expects to continue to learn about these subjects and more as he attends CSU Sacramento next fall. Due to his family's finances will receive the Pell and Cal Grants but again the family does not have the ability to pay the expected contribution so he will need to take out loans.

Respectfully,

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