

Essay Question Number 1

Throughout my high school career I have maintained a GPA of 3.87 unweighted, and including advanced and AP class credit, a weighted 4.0 GPA. I am a gifted student at Northgate high school, which requires me to take either gifted classes or AP classes all four years of high school. I have also received high honors at Northgate high school, which requires me to maintain a cumulative GPA of 95 or above throughout the entirety of my high school career. I have been a part of the beginning concert band class for one semester of high school, the intermediate symphonic band class for one semester of high school, and the advanced symphonic band class for three years of high school. I have earned college credits by taking AP exams for AP European History and AP English Language and Composition, and have also taken other various AP classes such as AP Human Geography, AP Music Theory, and currently taking AP Microeconomics.

By challenging myself throughout high school with many advanced and AP classes, I have learned how to work diligently, on time, and how to learn from my mistakes. Rather than dwelling on the bad quiz grade I receive, I take time out of class to learn one-on-one with my teacher why I made the mistakes I made and how to correct them when furthering my education. I have learned how to be responsible and independent; making sure all my work is done on time. By quickly advancing from beginning concert band to the advanced symphonic band, the top band at Northgate high school, I have seen my hard work and dedication towards music pay off. By age 15, I was performing with students that were 17 to 18 years old and with many more years of experience; and I was able to do that by working hard with my instrument and making sure that I held myself accountable for the work needed to bring me to an advanced level. Even after being able to perform in the top band at my school, the hard work could not stop; each piece

of music was a new challenge to overcome, and with every piece of music I became a better player and a more passionate musician.

Essay Question Number 2

I have participated in the Northgate high school marching band for four years, beginning my freshman year on bass drum and sophomore through senior year playing the snare drum, as well as being the center snare drum my Junior and Senior year. I have participated in the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C in 2019, along with many local parades. Every year, the marching band hosts Valhalla, a marching band competition where many bands across Georgia come to compete and share their performances. Each year I have volunteered to help host the marching competition. My freshman year I volunteered for the Renaissance Festival in Georgia keeping the festival grounds clean. Along with that, my senior year I have been student teaching at one of the middle schools in my county, Madras middle school. I have been student teaching with the middle school band director throughout my senior year and have helped both 7th and 8th graders further their musical ability. I began working at Partners II Pizza, a family owned pizza restaurant, in 2020. I was a hostess at the restaurant for 1 year, and have been serving at Partners II Pizza since August 2021. In 2019 and 2020, I volunteered for A Night To Shine, a prom hosted by Tim Tebow that is hosted for people ages 14 and over with special needs. This prom gives many an unforgettable experience where they are provided suits and dresses, makeup, and a red carpet walk into the dance area.

In my marching band experience, I have learned how to work together with my peers, lead the underclassmen who are new to marching band, and have been able to perform multiple amazing shows that were only possible due to my hard work. I have made friends that will last me a lifetime, have made countless memories, and have been able to see my hard work produce amazing performances that have left an impact on many in my local community. In 2021, a tornado hit Newnan, Georgia that wiped out many homes. My senior year, our marching band

performed a show dedicated to home and the importance of the town that I have lived in, Newnan. Newnan high school sadly was hit very hard by the tornado, students now learning in tents. The band director of Newnan high school watched our performance and shared how the performance will be one he will never forget, personally telling us that we had left an enormous impact on his student and himself. By working at Partners II Pizza, I have learned the importance of work ethic and the ability to work together with my fellow coworkers. Clear communication between myself and my coworkers is needed to provide the best experience when dining, and I have been able to learn how to provide amazing service to my customers. Along with that, I have learned the ability to adapt at work, which can be applied to many situations in life.