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EDUCATION

Leon Highschool, Tallahassee, FL

High School GPA: Weighted: 4.975; Unweighted: 3.975

Class Rank: 16 of 456 (Top 4%)

Test Scores: Superscore ACT: 32

AP Courses (11):

9th Grade- AP Environmental Science (4),

10th Grade- AP Seminar (5),

11th Grade- AP Psychology (5), AP Research (4), AP Language and Composition (4), AP Calculus AB (3),

12th Grade AP Literature and Composition (4), AP Physics, AP Calculus BC, AP Government (4), AP Economics (4)

ACADEMIC HONORS

Best and Brightest Scholarship - Category: Leadership

12th Grade

The Best and Brightest Awards are designed to recognize and honor Leon County's excelling high school seniors. The varying categories allow students who excel in a particular field to be rewarded for their hard work and dedication and places an emphasis on community service and civic duty.

Marine Corps Foundation Scholarship

12th Grade

This scholarship is awarded to a Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadet who exemplifies all the characteristics that the Marine Corps was founded upon and who plans to attend a four year university after high school.

Brooks Rodgers Scholarship

12th Grade

This scholarship was created in memory of Brooks Rogers, a former Leon High School graduate and member of the Leon Swim Team. The scholarship is awarded to a student who, as a member of the Leon Swim Team, embodies the principles of spirit, leadership, integrity, sportsmanship, and above all camaraderie - all ideas that strongly characterize the life and legacy of Brooks Rogers.

Linda Rogers Teague Scholarship

12th Grade

The Dr. Linda Rogers Teague Leadership Scholarship was established by Leon High School Student Government to honor and recognize Dr. Teague's 19 years as an SGA sponsor. It is awarded to one senior SGA member each year.

AP Scholar with Distinction

12th Grade

Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

AP Capstone Diploma

12th Grade

The AP Capstone Diploma is granted to students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on 4 additional AP Exams of their choosing.

Women Marines Association Outstanding Cadet Award

10th Grade

The Department of Defense "Lamp of Learning" ribbon and a WMA certificate is presented annually to outstanding Marine Corps Junior ROTC cadets in high schools across the United States and overseas. One awarded per high school per year.

Daughters of the American Revolution Youth Citizenship Award

9th Grade

This medal is presented to a student who exemplifies the qualities of honor, service, courage, leadership, and patriotism. One awarded per high school per year.

Jim Nettles Student Government Scholarship

10th Grade

Mr. Jim Nettles, former Leon High Principal who passed away in 2013, this scholarship is awarded to a rising junior or senior who is interested in attending a leadership conference, normally the student chosen to attend the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference.

FSA Certificate of Achievement

10th Grade

Perfect score of the Florida Standard Assessments Grade 10 English Language Arts Assessment

Pierian National Honor Society

10th thru Present

Society honoring general academic excellence

Academic Champion, Swimming

10th thru 11th

Highest GPA on the Swimming and Diving Team both sophomore and junior year. One awarded per grade level per year.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Leadership Education (MCJROTC)**

- ❖ Commanding Officer (CO) (12th) - The CO is responsible for the entirety of the MCJROTC Unit at Leon High School (Approximately 150 cadets). They are held responsible for the training, well-being, efficiency, discipline, administration and welfare of the company.
- ❖ Alpha Company Executive Officer (11th) - Responsible for taking over the position of the Alpha Commanding Officer in the event of their absence and in doing so taking charge of the Alpha Company during Lab (Approximately 75 cadets).
- ❖ Drill Team Officer (10th thru 11th) - Responsible for training all new drill team members and coordinating practice for competition and TECOM.
- ❖ Color Guard Sergeant (10th) - Responsible for coordinating all of the color (honor) guards asked of the Marine Corps JROTC. (approx. 40 missions a year)

Student Government Association (SGA)

- ❖ Florida Association of Student Councils District One President (12th) - Responsible for 18 counties in the Florida pan handle (Escambia to Taylor and Maddison), attending state executive meetings, presiding over and running district meetings, relaying pertinent information to the state board and FASC district members
- ❖ Faculty and Staff Committee Head - Responsible for overseeing the Faculty and Staff committee within Student Government.

Swim Team

- ❖ Captain (12th) - Responsible for assisting the captain, assisting during practices and meets, and mentoring new swimmers.

Pet Therapy Club

- ❖ Vice President (11th-Present) - Responsible for maintaining communication with members of the club and setting up service opportunities

Key Club

- ❖ Kiwanis Family Relations Chair (11th-Present) - responsible for maintaining communication with the parent club Tallahassee Kiwanis

INVOLVEMENT

Varsity Swim Team 2017-Present

- ❖ Four Varsity Letters

Student Government Association 2018-Present

- ❖ Rookie of the year in 10th grade
- ❖ Junior of the year in 11th grade

Marine Corps JROTC Leadership Education 2017-Present

Anchor Club 2017-Present

- ❖ Female service club

Lions United 2017-2018

- ❖ A club connecting the general student body with kids in the ESE program

Students Demand Action 2018-2019

- ❖ A club dedicated to connecting many different parts of the student body to talk about political issues

Pet Therapy Club 2019-Present

Key Club 2019-Present

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE (Over 1,000 hours in the following areas)

Tallahassee Animal Services (Tallahassee Animal Shelter)

January 2018 - Present

- ❖ 100 hours
- ❖ Responsible for assisting potential adopters, as well as providing any assistance to shelter staff including walking, training, and socializing the animals, cleaning when necessary, and doing any other tasks required of me.

Capital Regional Medical Center (Hospital)

Summer of 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

- ❖ 75 Hours
- ❖ First area worked was the Family Center comprising of Labor and Delivery and Postpartum care. Responsible for assisting hospital staff. This includes clerical work at the front desk, aiding with postpartum checkups, responding to the needs of patients, and corresponding between nurses and doctors. The second area worked in was radiology comprising of CT, X-Ray, MRI, Ultrasound, and Cath Lab. Responsibilities included transporting patients, cleaning equipment when asked, and helping staff. Last area worked was in the orthopedic and neuro wing. Responsibilities were similar to the ones listed above.

Ivy Hill Academy

Summer of 2018, 2019

- ❖ 100 Hours
- ❖ Responsible for helping run a Pre-K 4 classroom with approximately 20 students. Assisted the teacher with various activities including mat time, play time (both outdoors and indoors), lunch, snack, and nap time. Worked directly with children, with administrative tasks and prep work.

Puppy Foster

Summer of 2012 - 2021

- ❖ 200 Hours
- ❖ Worked through both the humane society and Tallahassee Animal Training Camp. Responsible for care, training, administering of required medications, and well-being of dogs of different ages ranging eight weeks to several years. Also responsible for encouraging adoption and choosing qualified potential adopters. Also rescued and fostered a six-week-old kitten for three months until adopted.

Animal Training Adventure Camp

Summer of 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015

- ❖ 400 Hours
- ❖ Responsible for assisting program organizer, Dana Brillante, and other camp staff. All responsibilities consisted of: upon arrival, running the dogs to pens and feeding, monitoring playgroups within the pens, helping teach campers how to properly handle and train puppies, help operations run smoothly by filling treat bags, cleaning, and assisting in clerical work, helping coordinate fosters, helping during special events and adaptations, promoting adoption, and helping maintain the safety of both animals and campers. Assisted mostly in the 'basic training' area due to my ability to control a large group of campers with puppies and ability to intervene in case of a problem.

MCJROTC

2017-2021

- ❖ 200 Hours
- ❖ Volunteered with various organizations through MCJROTC including Toys for Tots, various Honor Guard Ceremonies, Veterans Associations, *etc.*

SGA

2017-2021

- ❖ 200 Hours
- ❖ Volunteered with various organizations and throughout the school community.

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

AgDiscovery, Hosted at Purdue University, through the US Department of Agriculture

Two-week residential program at Purdue University in Indiana aimed to help students explore plant and animal science, wildlife management, agribusiness, *etc.*

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY), Hosted at FSU

One to two rising juniors per school are chosen to attend this week-long residential leadership seminar hosted at Florida State University. Here they participate in a variety of workshops and leadership building lessons/activities.

South Florida Leadership Training Camp (SFLTC), Virtual

Five to ten students per school are invited to attend this week-long leadership program. Usually hosted at Nova University, during the 2020 summer, it was a three-day virtual experience including several leadership workshops, guest speakers and presenters, and leadership activities.

National Student Council Convention (NatStuCo), Virtual

Approximately 10 students per FASC district are invited to attend NatStuCo. While normally a four day in-person convention, the summer of 2020 it was a three day virtual convention. This experience included world renowned guest speakers, networking opportunities, workshops, and other activities aimed to foster youth leadership and excellence.

TALENTS & SKILLS

Proficient in Drawing and Painting - Specific to realism with preferred mediums being pencils, colored pencils, chalk pastels, and oils.

Performed in Aerial Acrobatics (Silks, Spanish Web, Cloud Swing, Trapeze) at Florida State University

Avid Reader - Averaging four/five books a month during summer and two/three books a month during the academic year since middle school. Very diverse genres from classics, to fantasy, to biographies, to realistic fiction and anything in between.

Proficient in Drill - Have performed in numerous prestigious ceremonies including Wreaths Across America at the Florida Capitol, Unveiling of Monuments at the Tallahassee National Cemetery, and Martin Luther King Jr Breakfast Ceremony.

Taekwondo - Have received a Black Belt within the Martial Arts Fitness Academy (MAFA) within the discipline of Taekwondo. Have received numerous metals in martial arts competitions.

Dog Training - Specialize in fostering and working with dogs from the Leon County Humane Society, many coming from abusive and neglectful homes. Work with these dogs to reestablish a trust in humans and train in basic commands. Also have trained my personal dogs; one in agility and one in the process of training to be a therapy dog.

BLS Certified - Basic Life Support Certified.

Published Author - Have a short story published in Leon County Reading Council Anthology

Future Goals

To study within a STEM field with the hopes of ultimately contributing to the benefit of society.