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RE: **Timothy William Coats**

I feel that Tim Coats is an especially worthy recipient of the GT Tyler Scholarship. Having been fortunate enough to be the college counselor for Tyler (as well as for Natalie and Brent Brown), I feel there are many things that Tyler and Tim have in common. Possessing strong characters, both were known for their humility, honesty, and integrity. Their warm smiles and friendliness to all made them admired and approachable; each was loyal, dedicated and never seemed to realize they served as role models for their peers. When I first met each, I instantly liked and trusted them. They had a strong sense of who they were and a firm belief in their values instilled by loving families who believe in doing the right thing, finishing things well, and taking the appropriate action for the common good.

Since entering Woodward in the 7th grade, Tim has always been recognized for his strong sense of responsibility and organization skills. If Tim is given an assignment, everyone knows he will do it and do it well. Tim is logical, practical, detail oriented and enjoys being around people of all ages. Tim is a thoughtful person with a part time job as an Assistant at North Atlanta Cotillion (dancing and etiquette training for middle school students). Although most high school boys would not be secure enough to undertake that, Tim is his own person. He talks and laughs with the middle-schoolers, dances with girls in need of a partner, is a great role model for the boys because this “cool” 6’3” varsity athlete is comfortable dancing, using good manners, and wearing a tux. Tim enjoys doing many different activities, including lacrosse 9-12 (Captain,12, All-State 9 and 11, Golden Stick Award for scoring the most goals in a season,12), varsity basketball , Most Outstanding Defensive Player, 12, Honor Guard 9-12 (Captain 11-12) , Eagle Scout, Honor Council/ Discipline Board, Peer Leadership, National Honor Society, and his church (where the last 5 years he has run the sound board at the early service). Noteworthy is that he was the single winner of the Tyler Dodson Award in Middle School, the only major award given at that level and awarded to the most well rounded student.

When I asked Tim to describe a personal accomplishment of which he was most proud, he wrote...*In January 2010, I bought my own car. For 10 years, I saved money from birthday gifts, cutting grass, pet sitting, allowance, and the $1,500 scholarship money for the Tyler Dodson Award. It was hard when I was saving the money because all of my friends were buying cool new things. But now, I feel that buying my own car was worth the sacrifices. Most of my friends were given cars, and I am proud that I earned my own.* This summer Tim is working as an assistant coach for Leafmore Dolphins Swim Tea, with about 200 children and teens.

Academically he excels. Tim has particularly enjoyed math, chemistry, physics and the honors Computer class in website design. He loves an academic challenge and in the 10th grade, he asked to step up to honors math realizing that he might make B’s but he would be better prepared for college and would be challenged more. His teachers adore and admire him. His AP Calculus BCteacher commented...*Tim pushes himself to maintain a solid understanding and a significant level of achievement at the honors and AP level. Because of commitment to varsity athletics with games during the school week, occasionally he is not able to prepare for class the next day, but to his credit he never makes excuses. He is level-headed, trustworthy, honest, and respectful to all. He is a credit to his family and school.* His Spanish teacher remarked*...Always prepared for class, Tim is one of the nicest, most polite students I’ve ever taught. Tim is a member of the Honor Guard and probably is the most honorable young man I have ever taught. Tim will always do what’s right and always responds to difficult situations appropriately. He peers like and respect him. He never makes disparaging remarks about anyone and is a friend to all who know him.*

*Tim shines in a very strong class that is sending 100% to four year colleges. At graduation, he was chosen by the faculty to receive one of our top awards, the Brewster Award, given annually by Captain William R. Brewster, Jr, GMA Class of 1937 and former Academy president, to honor the young man who has displayed unusual courage by standing up for what is right and proper.*

I am delighted to recommend Tim to you. I feel absolutely confident that you will be as delighted with Tim as we have been and that he will be an exemplary representative for the Tyler Brown Scholarship and for Georgia Tech.

Sincerely yours,

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