



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE**  
**AIR FORCE ROTC DETACHMENT 165**

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MEMORANDUM FOR GTMAG SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

FROM: AFROTC DET 165/CC  
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SUBJECT: Recommendation for the Lt Tyler Brown Leadership Award

1. I highly recommend Cadet David Twibell for the Lt Tyler Brown Leadership Award. His exemplary academic performance and superior leadership make him an outstanding candidate. Cadet Twibell is truly among the best, not only in his class, ranked #2 out of 23 juniors, but he ranks within the top 10% of the entire cadet corps. He is a model cadet and serves as a positive influence to all those around him.

2. Cadet Twibell has served within the cadet corps as the Recruiting Logistics Coordinator. He posted over 400 AFROTC flyers at twelve metro Atlanta area universities to recruit fellow college students. He visited over 90 Civil Air Patrol cadets and three CAP squadrons to share the mission AFROTC, and planned a drill day at Det 165 for 30 of those cadets, who received top-notch drill instruction from current Det 165 members. Cadet Twibell also organized a campus tour of Georgia Tech for AFJROTC cadets, and hosted a Q&A session for them as well. He exposed hundreds of high school cadets to not only collegiate possibilities, but also the prospect of an accompanying military career. Cadet Twibell currently serves as a Flight Commander for seven sophomore cadets. He inspires and drives his flight to be the best both personally and compared to their peers. His flight was the first to complete their warrior knowledge assignments, and thus the first to receive their pennant. In addition, his flight took first place in a large-scale problem solving process and beat three other flights to winning another pennant. Cadet Twibell truly embodies dedication to duty in his positions in Air Force ROTC program.

3. Cadet Twibell's success is not limited to his military training. The Aerospace Engineering program at Georgia Tech is the #2 AE program in the United States according to US News and World Reports; it is one of the most demanding AE programs in the world. Cadet Twibell is up to this challenge; his name has graced the Faculty Honors list every semester he has been enrolled. His perfect 4.00 GPA is truly outstanding and distinguishes him from his peers. In addition to a sound mind, Cadet Twibell consistently scores an Excellent on the Physical Fitness Assessment. His work ethic is evident in his tremendous academic and physical achievements.

4. When Cadet Twibell is not immersed in his studies or the United States Air Force Profession of Arms, he is heavily involved on campus and in the community. He is an active member of the Baptist Campus Ministry, and has participated in outreach events on campus as part of the Evangelism Outreach Action Team. Additionally, he has served as the VP of Programs for the Yellow Jacket Flying Club, and is the current President. As the Programs VP he organized flights for fifteen new members and worked to secure over 100 free flights for interested Georgia Tech students; he also planned eighteen separate morale events, including the annual banquet. As the President, Cadet Twibell is responsible for \$1.5 million dollars in assets and a six-figure annual budget, not to mention running an organization of 125 students. Cadet Twibell has clearly embraced the Air Force Core Values of "Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do," and they are well reflected in his actions and accomplishments.

5. I trust that you will find Cadet David Twibell's qualifications as impressive as I do. This is a fine young man that has unlimited potential and a very bright future as an Air Force Officer. Cadet Twibell is indeed the right choice to receive this year's Lt Tyler Brown Leadership Award.

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Commander