

Charlie Marcus  
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Georgia Tech

### Tyler Brown Scholarship

Every day, I hear about Woodward graduates who are achieving at their respective mediums of higher education at rates above and beyond what is expected. Every day, I see Woodward Alumni leading in the forefront within their fields of research or practice. Tyler Brown stands as a paragon among these notable graduates. Brown's achievements at Woodward and the Georgia Institute of Technology inspire many students from Woodward; achievements like Brown's only validate the value of higher education. As the student body president, Tyler Brown secured a place on Georgia Tech's campus. In my high school career at Woodward, I have tried to spread myself in all curricular activities: athletic, academic, service, and the arts. I have been honored to serve as club presidents, team captains, and soloists. Often times, I feel as if I have stretched myself to inhuman points, filling my everyday schedule with meetings, study groups, and rehearsals. At moments, I believe that I have peaked at Woodward, both academically and socially. I am frightened by the daunting experience that is college, and how I can possibly rise above other incredibly talented and intelligent students with their own amazing accomplishments. I then consider Tyler Brown, and the rate of achievement he exhibited in the transition from Woodward to Georgia Tech. If he could find the next step so easy, why can't I? When looking at my classmates, I find it hard to believe that only one of us deserves the Tyler Brown Scholarship; however, I believe I could best honor the memory and inspiration Tyler left behind by making my own name at Georgia Tech, and reminding others the caliber of student that are Woodward Academy graduates.

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## Summary

1. Peer Leader. A Peer Leaders are 66 upper classmen who are selected through teacher recommendations and applications. As a Peer Leader, two other Peer Leaders and I hold a session with our peer group (13-15 freshman), and discuss a variety of topics and aspects in high school.
2. Member of Woodward Academy's most elite choir, Camerata.
3. Student Representative on Woodward Academy's Sustainability Council. As the only representative, I represent the views of the entire Woodward Student Body.
4. Member of the Honor Council.
5. Gold Eagle (Woodward Academy's Honor Roll, consisting of students with a GPA of 3.8 and higher) recipient throughout my entire high school career. Current GPA is a 4.18.

## Work Experience

Jun 12 - Present	Regional Advisor and Coordinator for the South Green Schools Alliance Grade 12 15 Hrs/Week
Jun 12 - Jun 12	Camp Counselor Brevard, North Carolina Camp High Rocks Grades 11,12

## Education

Aug 07 - Present	Woodward Academy 1662 Rugby Avenue, College Park, GA, 30337 12th
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## Volunteer Service

Dec 08 - Present	Volunteer Clairmont Rd., Dekalb County, Georgia Decatur - Dekalb YMCA Grades 8,9,10,11 5 Hours/Week
Nov 11 - Present	Volunteer South Dekalb Habitat for Humanity Grades 11,12 Total Hours: 5

## Extracurricular Activities

Feb 09 - Present	Allstate Chorus Grades 9,10,11  Allstate is an elite chorus made up of 9-12 grade singers in Georgia. Participants must pass two rounds of auditions before being accepted into the choir. Allstate happens yearly in Savannah, GA during Feb. 24-26.
Aug 11 - Present	Habitat for Humanity Grades 11,12 1 Hrs/Week
Aug 11 - Present	Honor Council/Disiplinary Board Grades 11,12 1 Hrs/Week

Aug 09 - Present	<p><b>Chinese Club</b>                  Grades 9,10,11,12                  1 Hrs/Week</p> <p>Chinese Club Officer and President</p>
Aug 11 - Present	<p><b>Sustainability Council</b>                  Grades 11,12                  1 Hrs/Week</p> <p>Student Representative for the entire student body (K-12).</p>
Aug 11 - Present	<p><b>Environmental Awareness Club</b>                  Grades 9,10,11,12                  1 Hrs/Week</p> <p>Chair of the Recycling Committee. Overall head of the EAC.</p>
Aug 11 - Present	<p><b>Peer Leadership</b>                  Grades 11,12                  2 Hrs/Week</p>
Aug 09 - Present	<p><b>Ultimate Frisbee</b>                  Grades 9,10,11,12                  10 Hrs/Week</p>
Aug 11 - Present	<p><b>Camerata</b>                  Grades 11,12                  3 Hrs/Week</p> <p>Camerata is the most elite choir at Woodward Academy. Made up of 24 members, Camerata is mixed, performing a variety of pieces from modern works to southern spirituals. Camerata has had the honor to perform in a large amount of prestigious venues. Some of these venues include the University of Alabama, Emory University, and the Stephens Center in Winston Salem, NC, as a feature choir for the American Choral Directors Association's Southern Conference.</p>
Aug 09 - May 11	<p><b>Jazz Choir</b>                  Grades 9,10                  3 Hrs/Week                  Total Hours: 312</p> <p>Jazz Choir is the honor choir for 9th and 10th students at Woodward Academy. Jazz Choir prepares students for more elite choral programs later in highschool, refining skills in theory, harmony, rhythm, and tone. After 10th grade, the most elite students move into Camerata.</p>
<b>Awards/Certificates</b>	<p>Apr 11</p> <p><b>Georgia Chinese Language Educators Speech Contest: 2nd Place</b>                  Grades 10,11,12</p> <p>Competition in which competitors write their own speech in Mand. Chinese and then recite the speech in front of a panel of 3 judges.</p> <p><b>Gold Eagle</b>                  Grades 9,10,11,12</p> <p>Students who have a GPA of 3.8 or higher receive the Golden Eagle Award.</p>
Mar 11	<p><b>Foreign Language Association of Georgia Superior Award</b>                  Grade 10</p> <p>The award was for superior language skills in Mandarin Chinese.</p>
Aug 09 - May 11	<p><b>Jazz Choir</b></p>

## Music/Artistic Achievement

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Mar 12 - Present	<p><b>ACDA Southern Division</b> Grade 11</p> <p>The ACDA hosts regional division conferences every 2 years to highlight the most talented choirs from the region. Camerata was the only highschool mixed choir attending from Georgia. The conference covers a ten state wide region, but only 20 choirs are recognized.</p>

## References

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I have worked with Mrs. Bienert during both FLAG and GLCE. I have also work with Mrs. Bienert as a Chinese Club Officer.

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Mr. Rotz has been my choral director for 6 years and currently conducts Camerata and Festival Singers.

**Townsend Birdsong**

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Townsend was my boss for the summer of 2012, during which I worked as a counselor for the 4 week session.

**Peg Watson**

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Peg Watson is the CEO of the Green Schools Alliance. As the regional advisor and coordinator for the South, I am in constant contact with Peg about new projects and opportunities for the GSA to reach new schools.