

Tom Coverstone Memorial Scholarship Essay

Tom Coverstone exemplified a life of leadership, servitude, and support for those around him much in the same way any young professional (or person, for that matter), should strive to do. I pride myself as a young man who runs on integrity, a strong set of morals, and a drive to leave my community in better condition than I found it every single day. It is my goal in this essay to put forth an adequate representation of myself reflected through the lens of Mr. Coverstone's life and the manner in which he chose to live it.

First, I want to articulate the importance of carrying a positive attitude in your mind, and a smile on your face. Everyone faces adversity from time to time, be it every day, every month, or even every hour. While it is a fact that we cannot control in many circumstances what happens to us, I am a firm believer that we have every capability to choose how we will react. As a lifelong leader at school, in sports, and in my community, I realize that how I carry myself will be seen by others, and that my attitude is contagious to those around me. It is for that reason that I choose to attack every day with a positive attitude and a smile on my face, which in turn benefits those around me.

There is something to be said for those who are willing to take the time to teach new skills to the people around them. In the case of Mr. Coverstone, this may have meant sharing surveying techniques with his coworkers or life lessons with his family/friends. It is that same selflessness that I make a point to exhibit in my own life. Be it teaching my three younger siblings new games or helping them with schoolwork, helping my grandparents navigate new

technology, or even sharing tips I've learned along the way to coworkers or others in my community, the more we collectively share knowledge the better off our society will be.

Last, I'd like to shine a light on the importance of finding joy in life. It doesn't necessarily matter if we are talking about astounding milestones or miniscule victories, a simple walk in the park or the thrill of riding a roller coaster; everyone has at least one activity that makes them feel truly alive. For Mr. Coverstone it may have been auto racing. I have a lot of joys I find in life, including landscaping, golfing, and spending time with family and friends. I live my life in a way where I appreciate even the smallest conveniences I experience and use that happiness to shrug off inconveniences that are thrown my way and not allow them to affect the outcome of my day.

Nearly everyone in this world has a job, and many spend as much, if not more time at their job than they do with their families. In my mind, this means we should all strive to have a job from which we can also draw a sense of family, appreciation, and happiness. Through the research I have done on Choice One, I can tell this is a company where the employees have genuine camaraderie, and there is something to be said for that. It is certainly a company and team I would be honored to one day call myself a member of.