

TOM COVERSTONE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY - Holtvogt, Braden 2025

Tom Coverstone was, by all accounts, a wonderful human being. He was willing, joyful, positive, and, above all, selfless; he completely offered himself to those around him. I pray that when people read of Tom Coverstone, they think of me as someone who is just like him.

Firstly, Mr. Coverstone was willing to share both talent and time. Acts 20:35 commands us to give, because 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.' As with the entire Bible, I try to model my life after the commands God gives to His people, especially the command to give. In talents, this has looked like designing hardware through CAD software for the construction of a Take-A-Book Leave-A-Book library. In time, this has looked like serving as a mentor in the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program. Additionally, in my willingness to teach, I volunteer as an active member, teacher, and instructor in the children's ministry in my home church. When I am at Choice One, I will not withhold any time, talent, or teaching. This will not only build the team socially, but professionally, it will also hone the team's skills and improve the quality of projects.

In Galatians, God commands joy through Paul's writing of the Fruit of the Spirit; in Mark 12, God commands us to 'love our neighbor as ourselves.' Throughout the opportunities the Lord has provided to me, He has brought about a true joy in not only living in His creation but also in the service of others. Through this, I try to be intentional about being positive and joyful in my attitude every day, because of His mighty works. I also try and be intentional about serving others in all the capacities I can. During my short time at Cedarville, I have already been blessed with the opportunity to join a discipleship group. This group of men building up men not only helps me serve and love others, but also prunes my abilities in both. At Choice One, I will continue to find joy in God's creation, in work, and in every day, but, most importantly, in the service of others, for God's glory. This isn't only my commitment to Choice One, but to God.