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Belt: Red w/ Black Stripes

Age: 17

Tells us about your life away from ETO

I am currently a senior at Kennesaw Mountain High School and a DEP student at Kennesaw State University. Activities that I like doing outside of ETO besides working at Newk's Eatery includes math tutoring, table-tennis, and graphic designing. In school, Calculus tends to get difficult at times, so I like to tutor other students in my class. I love tutoring because I'm not only seeing others improve their skills; it also helps me not procrastinate myself, especially before exams. Lastly, graphic designing and table tennis is something I enjoy doing during my free time. Drawing my thoughts onto a digital canvas and playing table tennis with my friends are great ways that help pass time and relieve stress.

What started your ETO journey?

My journey started during my first year of high school. I've heard of ETO Martial Arts before high school through some friends, but I never really saw myself as a martial artist, so I didn't join back then. When I was a freshman, I decided to participate in both the KMHS Wrestling Team and ETO Martial Arts. I mainly focused on wrestling; I played through half of the season until I suffered a critical wrist injury which put me out for the remaining games. It was a bummer not being able to compete in wrestling, but it gave me time to focus on martial arts. The more classes I went to, the more interested I was in learning Taekwondo. Now here I am, four years through, two months away from graduating, and one belt away from becoming a black belt.

Best ETO moment?

It's hard to choose because I have a lot of memorable moments at ETO. Each one differed from another, whether it was learning a new form, forming new friendships, or even doing silly acts. If I were to choose my most memorable moment, it would be the day I sparred with everyone in the dojo, one after another. Though I mostly remember getting beat up by every single person and almost losing consciousness, I did learn a thing or two from that session. The first is that I needed to get into shape so it wouldn't happen again. Second, and most important, is not to underestimate others. The ones that I sparred carelessly against were the ones that phased me the hardest. I know it seems strange that this was my most memorable/best moment and not embarrassing moment, but it made me more aware of not only my physical abilities but others as well.

What are your hopes, goals, and inspirations?

My goal is to become a Civil Engineer when I graduate from college. I always had an interest in hands-on work, construction, and design projects, so I feel that this field of work will be a good fit for me. Furthermore, I hope to complete my pathway on becoming a black belt and keep my ties with everyone ETO. Everyone there is like my second family; it would be hard to leave and not remember all the cherishable moments from the past. In the future, I hope to teach others about what I learned from this dojo, to help others learn that by having a positive mindset, strong determination, and a simple smile can be the first stepping stones to live a happy and successful life.