

Georgie Smigel Group Real Estate Scholarship

Living in my community has been a meaningful part of my life because it provides a sense of comfort, familiarity, and support. It is the place where I have grown up, gone to school, and built relationships over the years. Because of this, my community feels like more than just a location, it feels like home. The neighborhoods are familiar, and you often see the same faces at local stores, school events, or community gatherings creating a welcoming atmosphere.

One of the reasons I love living in my community is how welcoming everyone surrounding my family is. Our neighbors are friendly, and we all tend to look out for one another, whether that means cutting the neighbors' grass or shoveling their driveway for them. These moments help bring people together and strengthen relationships within the community.

My school is a major part of my community, as well as having a strong impact on my life. It has helped shape who I am both academically and personally. Through school, I have learned important skills like proper study habits, responsibility, and becoming independent. Teachers have encouraged me to do my best and push myself academically. This school year specifically I have been personally challenged with taking more difficult classes like AP Calculus. I was forced to take the initiative of going to tutoring consistently to better prepare myself for the tests. Being involved with the baseball team I have developed leadership skills. Sometimes I lead on the field through my play, other times I lead by encouraging a teammate who is struggling. This year I have also led by mentoring underclassmen as they prepare for varsity tryouts.

The friendships I have made through school and my community have also played a significant role in my life. Growing up alongside those with similar experiences as me and have played into why my buddies and I are as good friends as we are now. These friendships have taught me the value of trust and communication. Having strong support from my friends and

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family has made my life experiences much better. My parents always push me to strive academically, which has made me a strong student.

There are many benefits to living in my community. It offers a safe environment, strong education, and opportunities for personal growth. The community provides local resources such as amazing schools, and many opportunities for employment. It is a place where I can focus on my future as well as living my best life every day surrounded by my favorite people.

Overall, my community has had a positive influence on my life by helping me grow into the person I am today. It has given me valuable experiences, and lasting relationships. I am grateful to live in a community that supports education, encourages personal growth, and provides a sense of belonging.