

## **Senior Brag Sheet – Kaitlyn Schindler**

### **What are three unique words that describe you and why?**

Selfless because I always put others needs before mine. During my junior year, I tutored multiple people in math. No matter how busy or stressed I was, I made sure to fit them into my schedule. I worked while in high school and I am always available to pick up extra shifts if someone is not feeling well or needs time off.

Loyal because I have never gone behind a person's back or left a friend that needed me. My friend group went through a giant fight, and one of my friends was no longer part of it. However, I kept hanging out with her and through that I connected the group back together. Also loyal, I have been riding at the Equestrian Reserve for 10 years. I have been to other barns, but I always came back.

Hard Working because I am constantly busy either completing school-work or working at my job. In all the activities I do, I put all of my effort based on the time I have.

### **Please list the out of school activities (volunteer, church, work, sports, etc.) you have been involved in. Include the number of years served, the name of the company or organization, and any leadership roles you held:**

I have been riding at The Equestrian Reserve for 10 years. I help younger riders all of the time. I competed in a local show circuit, Rolling Hills Saddle Club. I also competed in the Georgia Quarter Horse Association Novice Series. I applied to volunteer with the Forsyth Humane Society recently. I have been dying to volunteer for years as I did when I was younger with my mom. I have finally reached the age where I can volunteer on my own.

### **Out of all the extra-curricular activities you have listed, please tell us about the most significant one and what impact it made on your life or what you learned from the experience:**

Helping pass on the love of horses and the skills for riding to others has been a major impact on my life. I used to have very little confidence in myself. As I became more of a part of The Equestrian Reserve, I was around many parents and students. I started to realize how much I knew about the sport of riding horses. I continued to receive compliments from parents which helped me realize that I am good with children. I slowly started to break out of my shell and began to talk with parents confidently without any doubt in my abilities. Also, I had the honor of watching other children improve. As I watched them grow, I continued to grow myself learning new people skills. For example, I learned how to deal with difficult children who were distracted easily. I had to continuously keep a smile on my face and figure out new tactics that worked with each child.

### **Please write a short general statement about your strengths (both personal and academic):**

I have always gone the extra mile for people around me. Whether it was at work or just taking care of any friend, I would strive to do the extra work to make the people around me happier. While caring for the people in my life, I would maintain good grades in school. I would stay calm and plan a schedule for me to complete my work.

### **Life's obstacles allow us to grow. Describe an obstacle and its maturing effect on you academically, physically, and/or personally:**

About 2 years ago, I started staying home alone with my brother once or twice a month as my mom would travel for work. As she would travel, it would be my responsibility to take care of myself. I would make dinner most nights for my brother and myself. Along with cooking and cleaning, I would do school work and go to work. This year my mom is out of town every week Monday through Thursday. While she is gone, I attend classes at the Georgia State Perimeter campus, go to The Equestrian Reserve three to four times a week, and take care of my dog. From these experiences, I have become very self sufficient and independent. When challenges are thrown my way, I handle them maturely. I believe my independence that I have now will help me as I move on to college and to work in the real world.

### **Describe an incident where you demonstrated strong character. Think outside the box:**

While at The Equestrian Reserve, a main goal is the treatment and wellbeing of the horses. My friend who had started leasing at the barn was not doing things correctly, and was not taking proper care of her lease horse. Personally, I have strong ethics. I decided that I needed to speak to the stable manager about her abuse towards her horse, and the fact that she did not complete tasks required and complained about them. Due to my moral beliefs, her lease horses ended up with a new person who is allowing him to live a better lifestyle as he gets back to being in shape.

### **If you had a motto or quote to live by, what would it be and why?**

The quote I live by is "A tree falls the way it leans. Be careful which way you lean" from the Lorax. As I have grown up, I have been faced with multiple difficult choices. One of the choices tended to be easier than the other, but that decision might hurt another person. However, if I took the difficult path, it will help the people around me. I would always lean towards the difficult path because keeping others happy would make me happy, and it would allow me to fall on the right side.