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What were the biggest obstacles you had to overcome to achieve as highly as you have?

One of the biggest obstacles I had to overcome to be successful was learning how to create balance in my life. There were times when I felt overwhelmed being in multiple sports, clubs, having personal responsibilities, and trying to maintain good grades. However, it forced me to learn discipline and how to manage my time even when things got stressful.

With success comes responsibility as a role model to those who follow you. What advice would you say to students who aspire to achieve what you have?

I would tell younger students to not compare their progress to others and to stay consistent, even when success doesn't come instantly.

Most achievement comes from simply showing up every day, giving whatever you do your best, and not crumbling at failure or mistakes but rather be willing to learn from them. I would also encourage them to get involved, take opportunities that are given to you, and always be kind to others and yourself.

What would you like people to know about you and your school career?

I would like people to know that throughout my school career, I always tried to give my best effort in every thing I pursued, and support the people around me. While the achievements and accomplishments are of great value, I hope that I'm remembered more for my character, work-ethic, and any relationships I've formed along the way. My school career helped me grow both academically and a person, and I am beyond grateful for it.

TATUM MICHAEL DURRETT



Parents: Casey and Andrea Durrett
Honors: Baseball Pitcher Award, All Region Team, District Team
Activities: Baseball
Future Plans: Pursue a career
Favorite Song: What We Needed, Kingdom Heirs
Favorite Movie: RV

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Parents: James and Jeri Files
Honors: CNA Certified
Activities: Art Club, Academic Team
Future Plans: Attend nursing school and obtain RN or LPN
Favorite Song: Call Your Mom, Noah Kahan
Favorite Movie: The Good Nurse



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