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Marching Band, Drum Major, 8 hours per week, 50 weeks per year. Grades 10, 11, 12.

Led the percussion section for 80+ member band. Went to state championship in 10th, but event cancelled in 11th. Weekly virtual jam sessions with our section once a month. Daily individual practice.

BE SPECIFIC WITH YOUR TIME:
HOURS, WEEKS, YEARS

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Student Researcher, 20 hours per week, 4 weeks per year. Grades 11, 12.

Volunteer at an aquarium focused on local marine life. Assisted biologists in their daily routine of testing water quality, observing aquatic-life behavior, and record keeping. Invited back for a second year to do a paid internship, but internship cancelled due to stay at home orders/COVID pandemic.

NOTE HOW COVID CHANGED YOUR PLANS

FAMILY & WORK RESPONSIBILITIES: Caring for family members, employment, internships, etc.

Family Responsibility, 5 hours per week, 52 weeks per year. Grades 9, 10, 11, 12.

Care for 3 younger siblings each night while parents work. This includes homework, dinner, showers and bedtime.

THESE RESPONSIBILITIES ARE ALSO IMPORTANT TO INCLUDE