I want to live in a community filled with people that help one another and work towards this with my community involvement. My community service experiences and living in Calaveras county are core pillars in shaping who I am today. I moved to Valley Springs California during my winter break when I was five years old to start kindergarten. To this day, I still vividly remember going to the Christmas parade and the Christmas tree lighting in the common grounds plaza. Though I didn't know anyone, I didn't struggle to make a friend before I even stepped foot into Jenny Lind Elementary. It was at the Christmas tree lighting that I met Lilly Butler and made my first ever friend from this county I would grow up to love. Valley Springs went from being a small town my mom and I had moved to to our forever homes. As I grew up and attended Jenny Lind Elementary School, Toyon Middle School, and now Calaveras High School, my admiration for my community only grew. As a kid involved in town events, I vividly remember the high school students that made the experiences magical and kids I looked up to as though they were superheroes. I knew from an early age that I wanted to be a person that made a positive difference in our community. Currently, I pride myself on community service and involvement experiences. At Calaveras High School, I am currently serving as our community service Interact Club's secretary. Through this club I have done numerous different volunteer activities. One I am specifically proud of is the Interact club canned food drive. I made the flyers to advertise our need for donations. We collected over 200 nonperishables items and counted them over the course of a few days. After taking inventory, I helped deliver them to the local food bank in San Andreas. Being able to feed many families in our county that rely on the support of food banks was truly one of the most enriching things I have done. Through the local Rotary club, I was also able to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards camp in 2023. This camp was for young female leaders to pave the way for the next generation of volunteers. I was

able to learn important values such as service above self that I still apply to my everyday life now. Aside from being a member of Interact club, I'm also an active member in the FFA organization. The FFA has numerous community service opportunities. I've participated in Agricultural awareness day, the MACT health board fundraising dinner, farm day, the Jenny Lind fire station crab feed, and numerous other day to day community service experiences. Through the FFA, I also was able to join the Junior Fairboard committee. This is a group dedicated to community service for the Calaveras County Fair and Jumping Frog Jubilee. I accumulated over 25 hours of community service during this time and did so while also showing a livestock project at the fair. Not only do I enjoy giving back to my community, I also love to give back to my school! Over the past three years, I have volunteered my time to do water polo statistics for the boys and girls teams at CHS. I find the most fulfillment in giving back to those around me. After I graduate college, I plan to move back to Calaveras County to begin my career and start a family. I have a deep and genuine love for this community. I want to continue to give back to the county that gave so much to me and plan to do this by continuing my community service in Calaveras County.