

## Youth of the Month for November 2017

### Colton J. Taylor

Colton J. Taylor attends Calvary Day School and is the November Youth the Month. He is accompanied by his parents James and Karen Taylor and his counselor Stacey Mell.

He is involved in student government serving as junior vice-president last year. He worked with Senator Lester Jackson in the Georgia State Page Program. Colton is a member of the Student Life Organization, served on the Homecoming Planning Committee, served on the Prom Committee and is a student ambassador. He serves on the Yearbook staff where he is the Design Editor and Co-Editor of the Yearbook. He is a member of the Quill and Scroll Society. Colton was on the Varsity Football Team, the Varsity Swim Team and is currently on the Varsity Track Team. He is a member of the National Honor Society and serves on the National Honor Society Induction Committee.

His community experiences include: US Naval Sea Cadets Program at Hunter Army Air-Field where he performs community service throughout the county one Saturday every month. Ronald McDonald Volunteer Program where he has 30+ hours of community service and participates in various community projects. He is on the Teen Advisory Board for Memorial Children's Hospital where he has 35+ hours of volunteer serviceworking in the family and teen room and is on the Children's Hospital Prom and neonatal Children's Hospital Reunion volunteer staff. Colton has also shadowed Doctors for rotation in Critical Care, Emergency Room, Trauma and Radiology Units. Colton's service goes international with travel to Nicaragua for 7 days working with children's camps, nursing homes homeless shelters, and leading worship for the team as praise band leader. This year he returned as a member of the engineering team to install solar panels to provide self-sustain energy for a K-12 school.

He has received many awards for his hard work they include: Clubs and Organization Spread by Quill and Scroll Society for Individual Aspects of Journalism Excellence. National Honor Roll for National Scholastic Press

Association. The Blue and Gold Staff Excellence Award in Comprehensive Writing which was only awarded to 3 writing staff groups in the country.

Just in case you think this young man is a slacker, he works in the maintenance department at Calvary Day School. He is a Big Brother Mentor working 12 hours a week overseeing the care of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students after school each day.

Colton has a 3.81 GPA. He plans to pursue a major in “Neuroscience” and/or “Biochemistry & Molecular Biology.” The colleges he has applied to are the Georgia Institute of Technology, University of Georgia, Mercer University, and the University of North Georgia.