



Walking Tall

Southern Oregon

LIFE COACHING

FAITH-BASED
MENTORSHIP

HANDS-ON
EXPERIENCES
FOR JOB
READINESS

10/18/2023

AUTOMOTIVE WOODWORKING FABRICATING & WELDING SMALL ENGINE COMPUTER DESIGN CONSTRUCTION AND MORE

Respectfully Confident

My mom told me about Walking Tall in 2018, she is a nurse and heard about it from her patient Reg, a Walking Tall mentor. I was intrigued and impressed by the variety of shops and cool equipment. I moved away last year to study mechanical engineering but was a regular attendee until then. I took AP and honors classes during high school, which helped me expand my knowledge. Working with Tom and other mentors at Walking Tall taught me self-confidence and valuable skills, including woodworking, metal fabrication, wiring, and welding. However, my biggest takeaway from the experience was gaining self-confidence. When I first started, I hesitated to talk to people or introduce myself. But after observing how others introduced themselves and shook hands, I felt more confident and started doing the same. Now, I can easily approach someone and say, "Hi, I'm Tai; nice to meet you." Joining the Redwood business as a furniture maker at Walking Tall was a fulfilling journey. There's a big emphasis on safety, and while I like a certain amount of risk, I like to be calculated, and I understand and care about safety. Since attending college, I have spent a lot of time studying and sitting down. Although interesting, I am more hands-on, which has presented some challenges. However, my experience with Walking Tall has helped improve my study habits. I possess the work ethic and discipline required to set my schedule, such as waking up early to read my bible, so I need to apply it to my academic pursuits. I am grateful for the opportunities that Walking Tall has provided, including attending events like the SEMA auto show and the NHRA Drag races, and working here using my skills to create beautiful Redwood furniture. Improving my self-discipline is a top priority for me, even though others may perceive me as having a good work ethic. It's a constant struggle for me. My goal is to graduate with a degree in engineering and a minor in business. After getting a job, I plan to purchase a plot of land, construct a workshop, and work on cool projects. "If you've been coming to Walking Tall long enough, it becomes like a second family. You see loving people who care about you, even when you've been gone awhile and come back to visit."

Tai



For the LORD will be your confidence
and will keep your foot from being caught.
Proverbs 3:26

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