



Congratulations!
2011 Ferguson Scholar

JOHN F. "RICK" BUNGE JR.

A.C. Flora High School
Columbia, South Carolina, Class of 2011

Bound for Clemson University
Civil Engineering Major

Rick Bunge is graduating #27 in his class of 260 at A.C. Flora High School in Columbia, with an unweighted cumulative GPA of 3.68 and a weighted GPA of 4.63. Matching his class rank, Rick scored a Composite 27 on his ACT's. While holding a part-time job, Rick has managed to do hundreds of hours of service, both in the community and with school groups, as well as holding leadership positions.

In May 2008, Rick earned Eagle Scout status and remains active in scouting, mentoring younger scouts. He has served on his church's Youth Leadership Team and has volunteered at the Harvest Hope Food Bank. Most notably, Rick was part of a team that did home reconstruction in New Orleans as a Habitat for Humanity volunteer. Rick's personal essay focused on that experience and was so well written that it made the reader feel as though he or she were there living it. He stated that the experience led him to embrace the quote, "Give without remembering, and receive without forgetting."

At school, Rick played Varsity golf on a team that won three state championships, selected as captain his senior year. He served as an officer in grades 10, 11, and President in 12 of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes club and has been on National Honor Society for two years. Rick is currently Secretary for the Young Republicans Club and has served in the past as President. He planned and initiated a school-wide "Jeans for Teens" collection drive, encouraging students to donate gently used jeans for local homeless teenagers. Over 75 pairs were collected and distributed to needy teens.

Rick's other accolades include being named an Academic All Star, Honor Roll all four years, being selected as a speaker at the district-wide Academic All Star Banquet, and he was chosen as a Delegate for South Carolina's Palmetto Boy's State. In his spare time, he has played for ten years on his church basketball team.

One of Rick's teachers said of him, "In addition to being extremely intelligent and hard-working, he has the unique ability to make the people around him better." Another teacher called him well rounded and said he was, "... one of the sharpest, hard-working students that I teach." He went on to state, "Rick Bunge is a student that I will remember and use as an example to future students."

Rick's proud parents are Evie and John Bunge, Sr. John is a Sales Specialist at Frischkorn location #1443.

Best of luck at Clemson University, 2011 Ferguson Scholar

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