



Congratulations!
2012 Ferguson Scholar

VINCENT HARTEL

Reinhardt University
Waleska, GA
Class of 2015

Vincent is one of two college students selected as a 2012 Ferguson Scholar! Vincent was a semi-finalist in 2011. He finishes his freshman year at Reinhardt University with a 3.8 GPA while balancing academics, a part-time job, and community service. Vincent is majoring in Studio Art with a minor in Business.

Vincent has a long history of involvement in the community dating back to his high school years. Most notable, is his dedication to his church youth group for the past five years. He has participated in the Calhoun First United Methodist Church Praise Band playing guitar at weekly service since 2008. A Soup Kitchen volunteer for several years, Vincent worked close to one hundred hours in the summer and on holidays. He also volunteered for "Kids First", a hot summer meal program. Complementing Vincent for his service over the years, his pastor says, "He stands above the crowd as a leader with potential to do great things throughout his promising future."

While working a part-time job continually for the past three years, Vincent has managed to keep his grades up high enough to be on the Dean's List at Reinhardt University. His professor states that Vincent is one of the brightest students at the university. Vincent has maintained academic success since high school where he was on the Honor Roll all four years, was inducted into the Spanish Honor Society, and graduated with highest honors in the top ten percent of his class. He received the 212 Award for Commitment in Art, the Outstanding Achievement in English Literature Award and was the Senior Class Prom King. In high school, Vincent was a member of the National Beta Club for three years and spent time each week volunteering for the SHS Reading Buddy Program. He was a member of the Yearbook staff and the Prom Artistic Planning Committee for two years. He also participated in the high school musical in both set design and as a cast member. Additionally, Vincent spent 56 hours working on the Gordon County Youth Leadership Project. In a well-written essay, Vincent describes his love of art and creativity from the age of three when he proudly showed his mom how he painted the family sofa with a bottle of pancake syrup! He has had the support of his family in his lifelong pursuit of art and music and continues to excel in both as he enters his sophomore year at Reinhardt University.

Vincent's very proud parents are David and Catrina Hartel of Fairmount, Georgia. David is the Inside Sales Manager at branch # 79 in Marietta, GA.

Best of luck at Reinhardt University,

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