



My name is Zachary G. Pifer and I am a Junior at Randolph High School on Randolph Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX. I am a very dedicated and hardworking student-athlete who maintains a 3.9 GPA, and who is striving to be a collegiate swimmer post-graduation from High School.

I am actively involved in my High School AFJROTC Detachment and earned the rank of Master Sergeant. Last year I held two leadership positions; Flight Sergeant and Supply Officer and was also a member of both the Archery and Marksmanship teams. My AFJROTC goal for this year is to be promoted to cadet officer, participate on the Color Guard, Rocketry teams and earn a new leadership position helping our Corps commander run the Detachment.

In school I love history and geography and am very interested in continuing to study these areas in college. In 2022 I was selected as a National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS), and as well I earned distinction as an academic overall high achiever in Geography.

Currently I am a year round swimmer on the Schertz YMCA Storm club swim team. Last year I earned my High School Varsity letter, the 1st year on the team as a Sophomore, and also swam in the 2022 High School 5A Regional UIL competition meet finals. In Dec, 2018 I volunteered as an athlete helper and timer during the US Para-Olympic Swimming National Championship in Tucson, AZ and really appreciated the opportunity to talk with and help the competitors. My favorite stroke is the Back Stroke, but I really enjoy doing freestyle distance swims; the 400/500, 800/1000 & 1650's. Those races require a lot of discipline and focus which also helps me in my personal life to stay organized on my studies and daily activities.

My father serves in the US Air Force and I have enjoyed the unique aspects of being a military dependent. As such I have developed a resiliency and adaptability for changing houses, meeting new people and helping my family while my dad was deployed. I started swimming when I was four and since then I have lived in 7 states as well as overseas in Okinawa, and since age 9 I have been on four club teams in Georgia, Arizona and now Texas.

My future interest is in Aeronautics and I hope, after college, to Commission into the US Air Force and fly HC-130J rescue airplanes. Until then academics, swimming and AFJROTC will remain important parts of my life.

"Anyone can give you advice, but in the end, you make your own decisions"