**Polk Pre-Collegiate Academy**

 ***The Academy of Applied Discovery***

My name is Taylor Shook and I am the secretary on the PPCA Board of Directors. I originally wanted to join the board because I saw a need for more support services for students, especially those in STEM courses. I have remained on the board because I have realized there is much more to PPCA than meets the eye and I want to continue making a positive impact here. This school offers an amazing opportunity for students seeking a challenging curriculum and wanting to be more prepared for collegiate excellence. Since being on the board, I have worked on marketing, participated in the annual 5K, and continue to support administration with updating policies and support ideas for students. I truly believe in PPCA--the teachers, the students, the leadership! Stepping into the classrooms, seeing the extracurricular opportunities, and understanding the various efforts put in by the administration are all just the first amazing factors placing PPCA ahead of so many other choice schools. For PPCA, I envision growth and success, a safe place for students to work toward academic achievement while still understanding the importance of civic engagement and extracurricular involvement.

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