

## **2020 National CAP ACE Cadet/Student of the Year:**

**C/SrA Anthony Beckley, 6<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Nominated by Susan Beckley**

**Supported by CAP Squadron Commander, Maj Charles Lamb**

**NCR-KS-034, Kansas City Composite Squadron**

**St. Nicholas School, Shawnee, KS**

**A**nthony Beckley is home schooled, thus his mother is his teacher who nominated him. What she told CAP is quite impressive...

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"If ever there was a student that emulated the first seven astronauts by having *the right stuff*, that student is Anthony Beckley. He shows enthusiasm for aerospace, excellence in school, and exemplary character, making him a strong candidate for ACE program student of the year.

Inside and outside the classroom, Anthony shows enthusiasm for aerospace, as well as outstanding character. He works well with others and usually is the driving group member to get things done, and, follows through all the way. Once, when he was working on an ACE activity, the experiment was not going as expected; it was taking a long time and getting tedious. The two other students in the group were ready to give up, but not Anthony. He displayed leadership skills and persevered steadfastly to the end.

Our school had the rocket STEM Kit this year. Anthony was very diligent in learning about the history of rockets and key figures. When it came time to set them off, he was very good about following all the safety directions.

Anthony is just as enthusiastic for health as he is science. He likes to exercise and takes care of his body by eating healthy and staying drug free. He likes to play soccer, participating in a home school soccer club that plays outdoors in fall and indoors in winter. He also runs with his dad, running 1.5 miles on an outdoor track to practice the running portion of the Air Force Physical Fitness Test. Anthony can't keep up with his dad yet, but he finishes the 1.5 miles without stopping for a rest. Since joining CAP, Anthony has consistently passed the CAP Physical Fitness Test.



Anthony and older brother, Maximilian, readying the CAP Rocketry STEM Kit for launch.

Anthony goes above and beyond. Never thinking the minimum is good enough! He is very attentive to precision and excellence in all of his subjects. Anthony is a straight “A” student, including two classes that are above his grade level.



Anthony and family on ACE field trip.

Being homeschooled allows for a little flexibility in our lessons. Anthony took initiative in planning our ACE field trip to the *Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum*.



Anthony with ACE rocketball.

He also was excited to use the manipulative that ACE sent us in the mail. He kept an eye on the weather, looking for an opportunity that would allow us to take part in the lesson “from football to flight.”

The ACE program has inspired Anthony; so much that he enrolled in Civil Air Patrol on the day he turned twelve. This has been a wonderful addition to ACE and has given him opportunities, such as o’flights. Anthony aspires to be a pilot and has been working online to achieve this goal using Sporty’s Flight School. I applaud Anthony for working toward a goal, and, am thankful the ACE program opened these doors of CAP and flying to him.

CAP is a family affair now. Anthony is proud to be joining his brother, C/CMSgt Maximilian Beckley, in the CAP squadron. He is also proud that he may someday follow in his father’s footsteps in the USAF Reserves. Anthony’s father, Lt Col Christopher Beckley, is now deployed, but spoke to his squadron before he departed about his career. ” ~ Susan Beckley



C/SrA Beckley, Lt Col Beckley, and C/CMSgt Beckley

**And, from C/SrA Beckley's Squadron Commander, Maj Charles Lamb:**

“Young Anthony astounds me. He passed his first test within days of joining, a feat I have never seen before. And, he continues to take and pass his tests without being prompted to do so. He has demonstrated a keen interest in all things aviation, including excelling in the rocket program. I know he will succeed.”



C/SrA Anthony Beckley being promoted by NCR-KS-034, Kansas City Composite Squadron Commander, Maj Charles Lamb, and Lt Col John Rockey, Deputy Commander for Cadets.



**Congratulations, CAP C/SrA Anthony Beckley!**

**The ACE program was created to introduce the CAP Cadet program to young students! You exemplify the kind of person CAP hopes will excel in the ACE program, and, become a stellar CAP cadet!**

**CAP is proud of you!**