



TAYLOR BRANCH YMCA

RECREATION &  
HEALTHY LIVING MANAGER

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I started working at a YMCA back in 2016 as an intern in the Sports and Recreation department. Shortly after completing my required hours, I accepted the Sports Coordinator position at the Taylor Branch YMCA. It was definitely a learning curve at first, but the staff here helped me no matter what was happening. It was a complete team effort by all of us, in every department, to be as successful as we can be to provide various outlets for the community.

I left the Taylor Family Branch YMCA after about a year and a half, but I returned in July 2020. It was difficult, yet again, to get back in the groove, but this time for other reasons. There were both similar faces and new faces here that were still willing to help along the way, it was like nothing changed.

I wasn't too sure why I came back after leaving at first, and now after almost another year, I realize the Y is more than just a job. When you are a part of the Y, you are able to build so many different relationships. From the staff, to the parents of the children, to the community in general. We are also able to provide much-needed services to the community. Seeing the children's reactions in sports when they make a good play, a child finally understanding how to float in swim lessons, the joy of members seeing their friends at group exercise classes, or the member hitting a new personal best in the weight room; these are the reasons I stay in the Y Family.