## **LAN C.**Hard Worker, Loyal, Outgoing

"Hard work beats talent, when talent fails to **work hard**"
- Kevin Durant



## **BIOGRAPHY**



In addition to participating in the 49ers STEM Leadership Institute for the last six years, lan has participated in Karate for 9 years, earning himself a 3rd degree black belt. He has found that Karate has taught him many lessons, including hard-work ethic, discipline, respect, commitment to goals, and striving for improvement in all things that he does. As much as he would like it, commitment to constant improvement does not mean never-ending success; rather it means to accept failures and use them as motivators.

And this approach has become integral to his personal outlook. In school, 49ers SLI, karate, and basketball, he has not always had the success he has desired, but during difficult times, through hard work and perseverance, he has turned many challenges into success. Another tennent of Karate that Ian has integrated into this life is the concept of giving back; he has volunteered both with Karate and basketball with the specific intention of helping others. When he has free time, you'll find Ian hanging out with friends and helping other people.