March 9, 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

Re: The Trib Total Media Team Outstanding Young Citizen Program

I had the pleasure of teaching Sarah Sawhook in AP Psychology for the 2019-2020 school year. From the onset, it became clear that Sarah possesses a high level of drive and initiative. She is also a valued participant in psychological discourse in the synchronous arena. In AP Psychology, she is able to meet the rigorous demands of the course, which entails:

- analytical vs. summative critical thinking skills,
- the ability to posit an effective argument or position related to psychological approaches and neuroscience.
- rigorous pacing and elevated writing skills.

In my estimation, Sarah is a standout student in AP Psychology. Her written responses demonstrate a complex understanding of the nuances of psychological perspectives and science. Her work is memorable for her ability to delineate between areas of complexity. I would easily rate her in the top two of all my AP Psychology students in four years of teaching the content, and among the top students I have taught in 14 years of literature and World History. In short, Sarah is the epitome of the conscientious student. One area to note is that Sarah academic dedication is only one metric of her contribution as a whole. In the past year of poring over student's objective and subjective analyses, it is clear that Sarah is also a person of character and compassion.

In addition to the work ethic that has earned her an A+ across her portfolio of courses, Sarah is a clear communicator and proactive student. In addition, Sarah is driven in all aspects of her life. Her compassion and generous spirit are not only evident in her academic narratives, but also in her actions. She commits a solid amount of time to volunteer activities within her community. In addition, she is an elite athlete in softball, earning record breaking titles that attest to her dedication to both her team and her own pursuit of excellence. Combined with her obvious talents for the field, her avid participation offers a formidable asset to any university as the markings of a successful student and future alumni.

I will close to say that <u>I staunchly recommend Sarah to your scholarship program as someone</u> who is deserving on the basis of academics, character, and citizenship. Please don't hesitate to contact me with additional questions.

Sincerely,

Ms. Harrigan

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