



Anchorpoint Counseling Ministry

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is no surprise to me that Amy Krueger has been chosen as one of Pittsburgh's 100 Outstanding Young Citizens. Amy is an exceptional young woman who has been a volunteer tutor in the Youth Development Program at Anchorpoint Counseling Ministry since her sophomore year of high school. This program offers counseling, academic support, and nurturing guidance to children and adolescents with mental health issues. It also provides tutoring to at-risk youth from the community who do not have the financial means to afford private tutoring. I usually accept only 11th and 12th graders as Teen Tutors, but Amy so impressed me with her intelligence and her passion for helping others that I made an exception and brought her on board early. This was such a good decision!

Amy has tutored several different students throughout the past 3 years. Her students brought a variety of academic and behavioral problems to the table, and Amy dealt with each issue calmly and confidently. Several of her students had specific learning disabilities and Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder which required Amy to figure out creative ways to re-teach concepts that the students did not understand adequately. She typically worked with middle school students and related well to them. One student commented to me that it was like having a really nice big sister to work with!

Amy is a shining example of a teen role model. She enthusiastically volunteers her time and approaches her duties in a very mature manner. Working with students who often have few people in their lives to model good work habits, responsibility, and a love of education, Amy has shared her passion for education with her students. She doesn't preach or make them feel badly about themselves, she just quietly and fervently encourages them to do their best. She is truly an asset to our program and to her students.

I have no doubt that Amy will be highly successful in college and in her future career as a Chemical Engineer. I sincerely hope that she will be considered for a Top Elite Scholarship.

Sincerely,

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