

March 8, 2019

To Whom It May Concern on the Trib Total Media Outstanding Young Citizen Scholarship Committee:

It is with immense pride that I submit this letter of recommendation for Anna Vitale, who is probably the best student I have had in my seventeen years of teaching. I currently teach Anna Anatomy and Physiology and last year I taught her AP Biology.

Anna has proven herself to be a highly motivated, extremely competent, and independent learner. While many students relied on others, Anna had no fear when conquering a tough AP Biology Lab by herself. Anna had the highest grade in AP Biology last year and currently has the highest grade in Anatomy and Physiology. I am amazed at how she can learn the material for my class while taking five other college level courses and maintain the prestigious spot of being first in her class. Anna has shown to many, her high intellectual abilities by becoming a graduate of the *Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine Emerging Scholars Program* this past June, by being a graduate of the *Westinghouse Science Honors Institute*, by appearing on a local TV station and participating in the *Hometown High Q* quiz show, and by earning the *Seton Hill University Women in Science Mathematics Award*.

Anna not only excels in the classroom, as she has earned honors in many of the co-curricular, extracurricular, and community activities she has participated in throughout high school. Anna is the President of the Spanish Honor Society, a member of the National Honor Society, a vital member of the Academic Quiz Team, the Reading Team, and a Student Council Representative. Anna has demonstrated her athletic aptitude as a member of the Softball Team and the Tennis Team where she has been a Doubles Champion and a Team Section Champion. Anna has shown her interests in the Arts by playing in the Concert Band and serving on the Stage Crew for our plays and musicals. Anna has revealed she has a heart for service and helping others by being a member of the Columbian Rose Squires, a service club at our school, and she is a Girl Scout who has earned the Girl Scouts of America Silver Award. Anna gives of her time as an Altar Server at her church, serves as a Flea Market volunteer at her church, a Westmoreland County Foodbank volunteer, a volunteer tennis instructor, and she was a mission trip volunteer this past summer. Anna's involvement in the activities listed above has allowed her to hone her "people skills" which will benefit her in her future career.

Anna is an exceptional student, a well-rounded individual, and she is the nicest, most considerate, and kind-hearted student I have known. I have the utmost confidence that Anna will excel in college and in her future career. It is with much joy and pride that I offer my highest recommendation on behalf of Anna Vitale to earn the Trib Total Media Outstanding Young Citizen Scholarship.

Sincerely,

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