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Outstanding Young Citizen Program
210 Wood Street
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To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Jack Lopuszynski for the past five years and have had the pleasure of mentoring him during his service as a Drum Major in the high school marching band. I believe that he is a diligent, innovative, and dedicated Outstanding Young Citizen, and would be a gracious recipient of the OYC Scholarship.

While interacting with Jack this past season, I found him to be kind, thoughtful, and respectful. He consistently demonstrated leadership qualities that were rare and special. He excelled in identifying challenges or problems and strived to find creative solutions that helped individuals and the group to succeed. In demanding situations, he maintained his composure with calm words and actions. While upholding a position of authority, he showed grace in forging positive connections with students his age and younger. Essentially, he was the kind of student leader that every band director wishes they could have.

This past fall, my favorite marching band memory was in observing Jack mentor a younger student. It was "Eighth Grade Band Night," where 8th graders spent a special evening playing with the high school marching band. Paired with one of my students as a "buddy," he was welcoming, helpful, and enthusiastic. He was so diligent in ensuring that his buddy would have a great experience that he even taught her how to conduct! In the last performance of the night, she was absolutely thrilled to stand beside him and conduct the 268-piece NA Marching Band. Watching her and Jack, I found myself thinking about how wonderful it was to see a young leader take initiative and inspire a younger musician to succeed. I am certain that he is the type of leader who will use his passions to help others and make an impact in many lives throughout his future.

If you have any questions regarding Jack, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda Granite".

Linda Granite
Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year Finalist, 2018
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