



JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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RE: Recommendation for Lauren Sigut

To the Scholarship Committee:

I am pleased to recommend Lauren Sigut for consideration. I have known Lauren, a member of the District's Forensic Team, for four years.

Lauren is an admirable young woman who is dedicated to every activity that she undertakes. As the coach of the Greater Latrobe Forensic Team, I can depend on Lauren to contribute to the team in several ways. During our weekly competitions, she serves as a student judge, providing advice and constructive criticism to student participants from approximately eight neighboring districts. Also, she serves as a mentor for new team members, explaining the various events and rules. Most impressively, she and a partner attended the Pennsylvania High School Speech League state tournament last spring, and they broke into the semi-finals in the state for News Broadcasting. This year, she will be competing at the state tournament in the Student Congress, and the bill that our team submitted for consideration was written by Lauren. Despite several other commitments, Lauren has remained a dependable forensic team member, and her success with the team offers valuable experience which she can call upon as she continues on her career path.

Another testimony to Lauren's strength in communication is her involvement with several activities at the high school, including the Science Olympiad and Key Club, serving as president for both; Hometown High Q; National Honor Society; Science Bowl; and French National Honor Society. Moreover, Lauren participates in programs such as the Future Business Leaders of America and the Society of Women Engineers, allowing her to make connections and network in ways that promote innovative thinking and collaboration. Being part of work-force simulation experiences gives the opportunities to speak in the unique manner necessary for success in multiple professional situations. Thus, Lauren's public speaking skills are honed through each of these opportunities to collaborate with both students and community members.

However, Lauren's involvement in the school district extends even further. In addition to the awards that she has earned for her contributions to the above groups, Lauren has won multiple awards for her work with the APPLES Foreign Language Festival. She has been an award winner of the Yale Book Award, Westinghouse Science Honors Institute, President's Award for Educational Excellence, and AP Scholar with Distinction. Also, clubs like PA Math League and Girls Who Code have gained from her participation. Furthermore, she plays on the field hockey team and has been recognized for her contributions to it. As a varsity team member, she has received her letter and recognition from the National Field Hockey Coaches Association National Academic Squad.

Yet, Lauren's leadership, talents, and character extend beyond her experiences as a student. Currently, she has logged 967 volunteer hours during her high school career, while simultaneously being involved in the Saint Vincent Youth Ministry, Sunday school program, and various church



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programs. In addition, Lauren serves as a mentor and junior counselor for Outdoor Odyssey. During the summers, she has attended the University of Dayton Women in Engineering Camp, Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week, and Space and Advanced Space camps.

Together, these opportunities have allowed Lauren to sharpen her communication skills by connecting with others across multiple age levels, personality types, and situations. For this reason, she embodies the qualities worthy of the scholarship recipient. Lauren is a distinguished young woman, and I am proud to have been asked for a recommendation. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Bompiani-Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "L" and "S".

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