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To the Scholarship Committee:

Without hesitation, I recommend Rachel Harter as the recipient of the 2020 Trib Total Media Outstanding Young Citizen Scholarship. She is a conscientious and enthralled scholar who brings much more to the table than her academic ability.

I choose not to focus this letter on Rachel's outstanding intellect. I believe her high school transcript with the list Advanced Placement courses and the grades she has earned in them speaks for itself. Likewise, her application will provide your admissions office with her stellar SAT and ACT scores along with a list of school and community activities in which she participates and leads. But, all of your applicants are academically able, high achieving, and involved. Instead, I choose to focus on the unique person behind the figures and statistics.

Rachel's astute analytical ability helps her to examine all facets of an issue, academic or ethical, and her maturity helps her to determine her viewpoint on that issue without regard to peer pressure. Rachel is not so rigid, though, that she does not listen to others' opinions and change her mind or admit that she might have been wrong. Within the school setting, I consistently see the value she puts on academic achievement as reflected in her grades. Always with the highest level of achievement as a goal, Rachel is willing to work hard to earn outstanding grades, but her true academic motivation comes in another form. She strives to gain the knowledge and experience she will need to be successful in the global arena, and she certainly has the innate intelligence and social awareness to achieve that goal. She shows a willingness to learn new concepts and adapt to both social and work groups. Rachel is a student who holds high standards for herself and others with regard to work, honor, and character.

Another aspect that sets Rachel apart is the respectful and loving nature with which she treats others. She truly shines in social situations. Fun-loving and outgoing, she is never one to seek the spotlight. Instead, helping others succeed is a tool she uses to measure her own successes. Rachel carries herself with a mature confidence and interacts with people of all ages equally well. Her attitude, her humor, and her mature outlook on life set her apart from the crowd. Her sincere kindness and caring for others combine wonderfully with her natural interest in science and math to create the perfect candidate for entering the STEM field.

Awarding Rachel Harter the \$5,000 Trib Total Media Outstanding Young Citizen Scholarship is a wise investment in the future, and I recommend her without hesitation. She takes on challenges with vigor and optimism then spreads those qualities to those around her. She is a student who will capitalize on the many benefits of a fine education, and she will make all of us proud.

Sincerely,


Mrs. Linda Kubus