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To Whom It May Concern:

I am quite excited to have the opportunity to recommend JeKai as an excellent candidate for the Trib Total Media Outstanding Young Citizen Award.. I met JeKai in the summer of 2018, and have had the opportunity to truly understand what a positive and responsible young man he is during his involvement in the Human Services Center Corporation’s (HSCC) Emerging Leaders Program.

JeKai has consistently impressed throughout his participation in the Emerging Leaders Program, an income- based program to help students create a plan for graduation and beyond. He is always finding ways to better himself as both a student and an individual, and demonstrates great initiative in seeking out opportunities such as scholarships, clubs, and programs that will allow him to thrive. JeKai's major responsibilities as a participant in the Emerging Leaders Program include, but are not limited to, creating a resume, conducting and comparing research on colleges, completing a job shadow, and completing a mock interview.

JeKai is a stand out student in every way. He has an extremely outgoing personality and is involved in almost every program available in the high school. Not only is he a member of the Varsity Bowling and Golf teams, the jazz band, president of "The Future is Mine", an ambassador in the Penn State Talent Search program, and a student council member, but he is always looking for ways to help other students and maximize his time in high school. He is a creative thinker and even created a fundraiser for the student body that allowed students to campaign to become Principal for the day in an effort to raise money for the school. He won the contest due to his extraverted personality and dedication.

JeKai has had a very positive impact on HSCC, as well as his peers in the Emerging Leaders Program. Each week, he comes to our group session prepared and eager to learn. He is extremely dependable, motivated, and demonstrates great enthusiasm in taking on all of his numerous tasks. JeKai consistently brings a positive attitude to our weekly and individual sessions, as well as a creative, caring, and nurturing approach to his work, both in and out of school.

I cannot say enough about how confident I am that JeKai is the perfect candidate for the Trib Total Media Outstanding Young Citizen Award. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at khillegass@hscc-mvpc.org.

Sincerely,

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