

DEER LAKES HIGH SCHOOL



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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my great pleasure to write this letter on behalf of Jacob Kozlowski, who I understand is applying for a scholarship from your organization. I have had the honor of knowing Jacob for several years, since I have been both his elementary and high school librarian. Jacob, who will soon be graduating, has always impressed me as being a very intelligent, diligent, mature, articulate, and caring young man who serves as a wonderful role model for the other students.

Jacob's work ethic is truly inspiring. Not only is he a member of the National Honor Society, but he holds a 3.89 weighted GPA, all the more impressive since he has taken many advanced and AP courses during his high school years. He has been enrolled in the following AP courses: Language and Composition, World History, Literature and Composition, Psychology, and U.S. Government and Politics. He enjoys a challenge, especially an academic challenge.

Although he is busy with his studies, Jacob finds the time for an impressive number of interests. He is a leader in our Deer Lakes Student Council, and has worked diligently for his fellow students as a Class Senator. During his time on the Student Council, he has worked assiduously to represent his class in planning and executing school events and initiatives, including leading a school-wide voter registration drive.

More importantly, Jacob serves as the student representative to the Deer Lakes Board of School Directors. In this capacity, he works with school administration and reports to the Board about student issues, presenting them with the student point-of-view, detailing important events and advocating for his fellow students. I am very impressed by this responsibility he has brought upon himself; any student who is willing to lend a listening ear and serve as a liaison with the school board is to be admired.

In addition to his tenure on Student Council, Jacob has served as both the Captain and the Vice President of the Speech and Debate Team since 2018. He has managed media coverage of the team, and made great strides in recruitment of new students. As a team member, he has received numerous awards in the fields of News Broadcasting, Public Forum Debates, Congressional Debates, and Extemporaneous Speaking. Jacob is uncommonly adept at thinking on his feet, efficiently articulating his thoughts, and responding to others' information and opinions.

Jacob is also quite gifted in the field of drama and music. He has been particularly active in the Deer Lakes Drama Department, and has filled several major supporting roles in student drama productions, including one in the 2019 Gene Kelly Award-winning production of *Mamma Mia*. Not content to merely be an actor, Jacob has also been a student leader in production preparation, fundraising, and other student drama activities.

Anyone who knows Jacob is extremely aware of his interest in politics. He keeps himself informed on political matters, but is always ready to hear diverse opinions on what is happening in our world. Jacob has transformed his interest into action, by working during 2018 as a campaign intern with U.S. Representative Conor Lamb. During his tenure with Congressman Lamb, Jacob worked with the Congressman's North Hills office, canvassing neighborhoods, placing telephone calls, and orchestrating community events. Along with other campaign officials, he coordinated the planning of volunteer events relating to Congressman Lamb's campaign. In the fall of 2019, Jacob even organized a town-hall meeting between Congressman Lamb and the students of Deer Lakes High School. This was an incredibly valuable chance for our students to hear their federal congressman discuss the intricacies of today's politics and to ask questions. It was an inspiring event for all who attended.

Jacob prides himself on excelling in all his endeavors. His drive has thus been well-rewarded. Last year, he was named to the Trib Total Media Young Outstanding Citizen Top 100 Elite. He has also been inducted into the Spanish National Honor Society. Jacob is an active participant in the Deer Lakes Marching Band, and helped the band to be awarded the great honor of being the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Marching Band Class AA Champion in 2015, 2016, and 2018. His hard work as a student and his hard work in all his extracurricular activities shows that this young man is dedicated to the ideals in which he believes. He is one of our stellar students.

Because of his desire to serve others, his keen insight, his accomplishments, and his work ethic, I know that Jacob Kozlowski is capable of doing amazing things that will positively impact the world. He would be an excellent choice to receive your organization's scholarship. As a proud teacher, I give him my highest recommendation.

Very truly yours,

Joan D. Trimble

Librarian