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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR WILLIAM KRAUS

Please consider this letter of recommendation for Will Kraus as he is considered for the Tribune Review Outstanding Young Citizen Award scholarship. I have known Will for the past three years and am not surprised that he was already selected for the Elite Top 100. He is a passionate young man who truly gives back to his school and community and embodies the very definition of an outstanding young citizen.

I first met Will three years ago when he served as the North Allegheny Intermediate High School (grades 9-10) student representative to the School Board. A sophomore at the time, Will attended our Board Meetings each month and was able to provide a student perspective to the high level decisions we were making as a school district. This role also involved reporting out on the student activities taking place in the building which required him to connect with all of the organizations at the school. As a member of Student Council, he also facilitated bi-monthly conversations that encouraged dialogue between students and school administrators. When Will's time as the School Board student representative ended at the end of the 2016-2017 school year, I continued to follow his involvement in a variety of student activities when he moved to North Allegheny Senior High School (grades 11-12). He was a consistent presence and leader in a number of clubs and activities including Student Council, National Honor Society, Junior Classical League, Robotics Club, and of course Marching Band where he not only serves as a Section Leader and Captain, but shares his musical talents with the community. I was very excited to see Will selected once again as the student representative to the School Board for the 2018-2019 school year. He is even more comfortable in this role providing important feedback on the merits of adjusting school start times, upcoming school renovation projects, and potential curriculum revisions. He is a welcome voice at the table and I appreciate his abilities to frame the student perspective.

Will Kraus is an impressive young man and I am very glad to see him recognized as a Tribune Review Outstanding Young Citizen. Compassionate, affable, engaged, curious and leader are just a few of the words that I would use to describe Will. This can all be verified through a personal interview; however, I offer my recommendation on his behalf. Naturally, I would be pleased to provide any additional information upon request.

Sincerely,

Robert Scherrer, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools