Letter of Recommendation Rachel Karman

Personable, happy, and a humanitarian are the words I would use to describe Rachel Karman. Rachel has taken a very demanding academic schedule at Hampton High School. She has challenged herself each year academically and has excelled in each of these demanding courses. She has further challenged herself senior year and is again excelling in her courses. She is particularly skilled and interested in the sciences, as she would like to pursue a career in medicine. I believe that her outstanding academic performance, strong interpersonal skills, and character make her an outstanding candidate for the Outstanding Young Citizen Scholarship Program.

Rachel has excelled outside of the classroom at Hampton. She has been a member of the Tennis team throughout high school and was named team captain, highlighting her leaderships skills. This sport is very demanding and time consuming, yet Rachel has continued to thrive in the classroom and in athletics. She continually displays a strong work-ethic and determination to work to meet her goals. Rachel is also a member of the Student Council, FBLA, Rotary Interact Club, and Spanish Club at Hampton. Her ability to balance her rigorous academic schedule and commitments outside of school, highlight her time-management skills and her work-ethic.

Rachel has also displayed a high level of commitment to community service and has displayed an outstanding character. She has amassed close to a thousand hours of community service, and is a member of the National Honors Society. This level of commitment to her community is something I have seen very few students make. Rachel is a committed member of her church. She is involved in several organizations including the Youth Group, Vacation Bible Study, and is a CCD classroom aide. Some other examples of Rachel’s service are working with students in Hampton’s middle school and elementary school. Rachel was an integral member of the “Be the Change Day” at Hampton Middle School, which helped students greater understand issues people are facing around the world. She was also vital to the “Girls on the Run” program that helped teach girls skills on how to live a healthy and active lives, as well as develop positive self-esteem. Rachel has been very committed to sharing her skills with her community and has very engaging personality that stands out among her peers; she is mature and communicates well for a young person, which has helped her reach many people.

Rachel has also taken on several leadership roles. She organized a “Valentine’s Day Candy Gram” at Hampton to raise money for leukemia and lymphoma research. Rachel developed this fundraiser and collected the money, on her own, in school and in the community. This campaign was a model of her outstanding character and drive to give back to her community. Rachel also displayed her superb leadership skills as the Youth Catechist for preschoolers and 1st graders at her church and was a Youth Leader at Vacation Bible Study.

I believe **Rachel Karman** has the potential to be a student that stands out inside and out of the classroom at the collegiate level. I enthusiastically give her my recommendation as an outstanding student with outstanding character. I have no reservations she will exceed the expectations that are put forth by any college or university she decides to attend. Should you have any questions regarding her application or anything in this letter of recommendation, please feel free to contact our counseling department at 412-492-6381.

Sincerely,

Matthew Combi, ME.d

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