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August 6, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Maddie Sneddon, a well-rounded, self-motivated, driven young adult whom I have the pleasure of knowing during her high school years. I am the Interact Adviser at Thomas Jefferson High School as well as a senior English teacher and Yearbook Business Manager. I have observed Maddie in the community, the school, and in extracurricular roles thus far into her busy high school career.

Maddie is an enthusiastic, well-prepared and active learner. She is the first to volunteer for any task at hand and is undaunted by challenge. Maddie's extracurriculars include:

- Monticello Yearbook Committee (*Editor)
- Interact Club (*Treasurer)
- AP Humanities Club
- Theatre (costumes/acting)
- National Honor Society
- Spanish Honor Society
- Annual Literature Festival participant
- University of Illinois Media Camp participant (journalistic writing, advertising, entrepreneurship, marketing strategy skills development/enrichment) Summer 2019

As an extremely active Interact member, Maddie volunteers for the majority of our school and community service opportunities. Most notably, Maddie spearheaded her own book drive for Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. She collected over 2,000 books, magazines, and DVDs for the patients and families. Along similar lines, Maddie volunteers for both Pleasant Hills and Jefferson Libraries; she is genuinely a literacy advocate. As this year's Interact Treasurer, she will oversee our primary global project for Shelterbox (www.shelterbox.org). Many of our HS members pledge to fill a water bottle with dimes (\$100). Combined with faculty donations, we raise \$1000 annually to purchase an actual Shelterbox. This commitment has earned our organization the title of Shelterbox Hero. Additionally, Maddie will attend the 26th Annual Interact District 7305 Conference in October and once again the World Affairs Institute for Student Leaders in the spring. We are currently working with administration and Rotary to host a World Affairs event this fall in our brand new high school. As a member of the Interact Board, Maddie will have a significant role in the planning and implementing of this event.

As a result of her commendable work habits, valuable interpersonal skills, and dedication to service, Maddie has been recognized in the following ways:

- Trib Total Media Elite Top 100 Outstanding Young Citizen award
- World Affairs Institute For Student Leaders Student Delegate
- Student of the Month- Respect (2019)
- School Board Student of the Month (2017 and 2019)
- Interact Student of the Month (10th grade and 11th grade)
- Distinguished service award (10th grade and 11th grade)

Maddie continues to demonstrate leadership qualities, dedication, flexibility, and time management capacities in her roles as Interact Treasurer and Yearbook Editor---while carrying successfully a heavy academic load. Maddie most definitely demonstrates exceptional intellectual capabilities, leadership skills, service/community commitment, and interpersonal aptitude. Please contact me for any further information.

Sincerely,

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