

Kiski Area High School

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been asked to write a letter of recommendation on behalf of Megan Andree. I am happy to do so. I have known Megan for about one year. She was a student in my AP STATISTICS class during the 2017-2018 school year. Based on the time I have spent with Megan in an academic setting, I strongly believe that she possesses the intellectual skills and character traits necessary to experience tremendous success as a college student.

To achieve greatness in college, I feel that a student needs to have demonstrated that he/she has the intellectual ability to succeed academically in a challenging high school class. As far as performance in AP STATISTICS is concerned, there are several indicators that show Megan's intellectual ability and academic achievement are superior to that of the majority of her classmates. Her final overall course grade of 97% in AP STATISTICS was the 5th highest grade out of all 103 students enrolled in the course. This is quite an accomplishment; the students taking AP STATISTICS are very competitive and are comprised of the best academic performing students in the school. Additionally, Megan earned a qualifying score of "3" on the AP STATISTICS Exam on May 17, 2018. Being able to earn such a high mark on an AP Exam truly reflects the outstanding intellectual ability that Megan possesses. Megan has undoubtedly demonstrated superior academic achievement during her time in AP STATISTICS, illustrating that she is more than capable of handling the rigors of college level courses.

Aside from intellectual ability, another quality that defines Megan from all other students is an unprecedented commitment to excellence toward her schoolwork. Every time I graded one of Megan's assignments or projects, I was truly inspired. The effort, attention to detail, organization, thought, and pride that she puts into her work are remarkable when compared to the other 2000+ students I have taught during my career. Even more inspiring is the consistency that she demonstrates. Every single assignment that she submitted during AP STATISTICS was completed at the same high standard of excellence. You may want to consider asking Megan to view some samples of her work so that you can understand what I mean by an "unprecedented commitment to excellence."

An additional quality of Megan's that separates her from other top-tier students relates to her attitude toward learning. After grading Megan's work, I have often asked myself, "why is this kid going so far above and beyond my expectations?", or "why does she torture herself like this when she could complete her work in less time with less effort and still get an A?". The answer to those questions is that she has a passion for learning and a thirst for knowledge that exceeds that of most human beings. That passion and thirst is what makes her work so consistently superior in quality from the work of her peers. I cannot describe how "refreshing" it is as a teacher to have had the opportunity to educate a student like Megan.

In conclusion, I believe that Megan Andree will achieve very high levels of success during her college years and beyond. Her impressive intellectual ability combined with her tremendous commitment to excellence will propel her to achieve greatness. I strongly encourage you to accept Megan Andree into your academic institution. If you have any further questions or concerns regarding Megan, please contact me at (724) 787-8707 or via email at zach.jankowski@kiskiarea.com

Sincerely,

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