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To Whom It May Concern:

I write in support of Joseph Cirilano's nomination for the Trib Total Media Outstanding Young Citizen Award. I have had the pleasure of teaching Joe and getting to know him over the last few years. He was in my Exploring Literature and Writing 2 class as a sophomore and he did really well in that class. Additionally, he is currently in my Yearbook Design class and works extremely hard to be the best staffer he can be. Most importantly though, Joe participates in a number of things at Central that make an impact on our community as well as others.

Spirituality is a significant part of our lives here at Central. Joe has really taken this to heart and does plenty to deepen his faith. He regularly participates in service trips after school or over the summer. This year he went to Jamaica to help abandoned children and adults who suffer from varying disabilities and he traveled to Webster Springs, VA to assist with home repairs for people who are less fortunate. He has gone on our bi-yearly KAIROS retreat, of which I was a part. I saw his transformation that week and he is continuing to grow as a member of our Lasallian Ministry Executive Board. His leadership greatly impacted his peers and because of him, they had a great retreat week. Joe also helps Central with our various mission drives throughout the year by encouraging students to give what they can for those who are less fortunate and need some extra help. His kind demeanor helps encourage students to contribute each day.

At Central Catholic we encourage our students to get involved in things outside of class. Joe does just that. He is a member of the Viking News Network, our daily news program where he communicates the announcements with the student body. He is also a Viking Ambassador who welcomes new students and parents into the school by giving them tours and answering questions or concerns about the challenges of high school. As previously mentioned, Joe is part of the yearbook staff as well. Because of his packed schedule, he is only able to be a part of the class for half of the double period, but he wanted to participate so much that he sacrifices a free period during the day so that he can be a part of the staff. He has made amazing contributions to the book and does so working only half the amount of time as the other staffers. Joe is also a member of the Track and Cross Country teams where he serves as a senior mentor for many of the underclassmen.

Because of the above mentioned, I truly believe that Joseph Cirilano deserves the Trib Total Media Outstanding Young Citizen Award. He continually puts others before himself and encourages his peers to do the same. He has made amazing contributions to Central Catholic and the greater community.

Kind Regards,

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