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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to write to you on behalf of Douglass Prentice, who is applying for consideration of the Outstanding Young Citizen Scholarship. As one of his teachers at Greensburg Salem High School, I have had the sincere pleasure of working with Doug over the last few years. While I'll always look back fondly upon that honor, what is more telling of the young man I am writing you about today are *the lessons he continues to teach* both myself and an entire community after being diagnosed with childhood brain cancer. Despite his courageous battle, Doug now has double-vision and diabetes insipidus – the lasting remnants of the cancer he defeated.

Over the last six years of working at the high school level, I have been fortunate to interact with many outstanding students. While each of these students possessed their own unique qualities, Doug certainly ranks among the best. He has separated himself through his persistent work ethic and selfless personality. His optimism and passion are contagious. In short, he is a young man who, perhaps without even knowing it, inspires others to be better. He is not only intelligent and hardworking, but creative, open-minded, and truly responsive to others as well. These characteristics are ingrained in his character and evident in his interactions with peers and faculty alike.

Doug has further proven himself a dedicated student who has met the rigorous challenges of high school as evidenced by his induction into the National Honors Society that includes a prolonged absence during his intensive chemo and radiation treatments throughout his junior year. What Doug's transcript cannot express, however, is the positive attitude he greets every new challenge with.

Although Doug's strong leadership skills are evident in the classroom, they can be further verified by his selfless involvement in both his church and the local Humane Society. Doug balances these countless responsibilities while also working two jobs to help make ends meet in a single-parent family.

It is for the above mentioned reasons and numerous others that I offer my highest recommendations for Douglass Prentice without reservation. His selflessness combined with his passion and determination make him a deserving candidate worthy of thorough consideration. Please contact me if there is anything else I can do on his behalf (724) 832-2960.

Sincerely,

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