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To whom it may concern,

I believe that Jack Lopuszynski has done more in his short 18 years to help, inspire, and care for others than most people do in a lifetime. He is a positive example to all, and touches people daily with his kindness, compassion, and respect. His positive outlook on life is truly a bright light to all who meet and know him, and his attitude is contagious. In addition to his great positivity, he has numerous talents and chooses to live a life where he uses them for the benefit of others. Jack has touched many lives, and is a great example to all.

Jack was an amazing five-year-old when he started volunteering at Vincentian Home where I worked for 18 years. At five years old, Jack came to a picnic for the residents dressed in his chef hat and apron to serve pies which he had made at home. After that, he called a bingo game. Everyone was amazed at his maturity, but more than that, his compassion. I will never forget the way he spoke to the residents - he looked them right in the eye and truly listened and talked to them. Everyone was amazed by his compassion.

I have seen his compassion grow over the years as well as his sense of integrity and responsibility. For the past eleven years, he has taken initiative and demonstrated leadership by completely planning and performing a Christmas party for the residents of Saint Louise Convent. He uses his musical talents to brighten their lives. He is always generous with the joy that he brings to others as he plays piano, sings, plays trombone, and simply talks with the residents - I have also seen him use his talents to cantor in church and perform in various community events.

Jack has always made himself available for others. He is always willing to help. He is so intelligent, and always willing to share his knowledge with others. There have been many times when he has helped others figure things out; I think of the time my friend had a speaking engagement to honor Vietnam veterans. She did not know how to make a PowerPoint presentation, so Jack helped her make the whole presentation, and then sang "The Star Spangled Banner" at the ceremony to honor the veterans.

Because of the way Jack lives every single day, I am honored to recommend him as a recipient of the Outstanding Young Citizen Scholarship. While Jack does accomplish great things, I believe it is the way he touches others simply and daily that makes the most difference. His integrity, honesty, responsibility, and compassion are always evident; and are a great example. And while his many talents are also evident, it is what he chooses to do with them that makes a great difference to so many.

Sincerely,

Claire Salvatore