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To Whom It May Concern:

When I met Erik at the beginning of his sophomore year, I could immediately tell that he was a strong student, with a friendly demeanor, who cared about his education. The past two years have only confirmed what I believed from our first interactions. It is my pleasure to recommend Erik Ketterer for the Outstanding Youth Citizen award.

Erik was a student in my Pre-Calculus in 2017-2018 and my Honors Calculus 1 class last school year. I currently have Erik in my AP Calculus BC class. In this time, he consistently showed his determination to understand the difficult math concepts. Erik participated actively in class and asked good thoughtful questions that enhanced the classroom discussion. Calculus does not come naturally to Erik but he has worked hard to make sure that he gets it. When he struggles with the material, he comes outside of class and works with me until he gets it.

This work ethic is not limited to only the classroom. While maintaining his difficult schedule, Erik has worked ten or more hours per week at a local restaurant. In addition, Erik is strong leader in his various sports, is the secretary of our National Honor Society, and volunteers in various community and school service groups. He exemplifies the qualities you would expect of a hard-working student and is an example for the younger members of our school who see him as someone that they can look up to.

Throughout the years of having Erik in class, I have had numerous conversations with him. I have come to recognize him as a thoughtful, introspective young man who cares deeply about the people around him. His friendly demeanor and positive outlook are a welcome part of my classroom and the school environment and they will absolutely be missed after he graduates.

I am confident that he will be a successful student and be successful in his life and work after college. I believe that he is a worthy candidate for your scholarship and would be an asset to whatever school he attends. I highly recommend him for the Outstanding Youth Citizen Award. Please feel free to email me at mcapsambelis@rsd.k12.pa.us with any questions you may have regarding Erik. It would be a pleasure for me to further discuss his qualifications with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Mark Capsambelis'.

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