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To Whom It May Concern:

Over the last few years I have had the pleasure of getting to know Douglass Prentice and his family. He has always been a polite and well-mannered young man, not only in school but also in his personal home life.

I have seen over the years that he is hard working and dedicated to his schooling. This has helped shape him into the outstanding person he is today. As a result, Doug was inducted to the National Honor Society his junior year. What stands out the most about this induction, is that he was battling brain cancer and continuing his education through home bound instruction. Doug's hard work paid off. He returned his senior year, after four rounds of chemotherapy and 20 radiation treatments, and jumped right back into his schooling. A good education is important to him.

He found a way to merge his treatment and his schooling into a senior project called "Fun Fridays." Crafting activities and snack times were planned and held at the radiation department of Children's Hospital for children between the ages of 3-18. This was very involved and took many hours to plan. This alone is an outstanding show of his demeanor. Not only did he beat cancer but he showed us how to be strong and not let anything stand in your way. He took a negative and turned it into a positive.

He is devoted to his schooling and everything he seeks out to do. He is an enthusiastic employee that holds two part time jobs. This continued even after his diagnosis and treatment. Everything Doug prepares in his life, he does to the fullest degree.

Although Doug is left with a few obstacles from the cancer, he continues to thrive in his schooling and personal life. Doug has been accepted to the University of Pittsburg's School of Nursing. He is an inspiration to his family, friends and co-workers.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Smith".

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