



AGENDA
YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF PORT ORANGE

Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2016

Time: 5:15 PM

Type of Meeting:

Location:

City Hall, 1000 City Center Circle

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. Consideration of Minutes
3. Review Youth Achievement Award Applications
4. Report: Date for Adopt-A-Road safety training.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

D. BOARD COMMENTS

E. NEXT MEETING DATE

5. Next Meeting Date: 5/3/16

F. ADJOURNMENT

ANY PERSON WHO DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE **YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD** WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE HE OR SHE MAY NEED TO ENSURE AT HIS OR HER OWN EXPENSE FOR THE TAKING AND PREPARATION OF A VERBATIM RECORD OF ALL TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE OF THE PROCEEDINGS UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. NOTE: IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY CLERK FOR THE CITY OF PORT ORANGE, 1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE, PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA 32129, TELEPHONE NUMBER 386-506-5563, WITHIN 2 WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE OR 5 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING DATE; IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CONTACT THE RELAY OPERATOR AT 1-800-955-8771.

MEETING MINUTES
YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
CITY OF PORT ORANGE
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE
1ST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016 at 5:15 p.m.

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD of the City of Port Orange was called to order by Chairman Burnette at 5:16 p.m.

Present: Matthew Burnette, Chairman
Patrick Burnette, Treasurer
Scott Kelley, Vice Chairman

Absent: Samantha Babiez, Historian
Anthony Fox

Also Present: Kent Donahue, Grants Coordinator / PIO
Drew Bastian, Vice Mayor
Barbara Abbate, City Clerk's Office

A. DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Consideration of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2016 meeting was made by Member Burnette, seconded by Member Kelley, Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

2. UPDATE: Resolution Changes

Barbara Abbate, City Clerk's Office, reported the changes have been sent to the City Attorney's Office so the resolution can be updated. When the changes have been made they will come back to this board.

3. UPDATE: Youth Achievement Award Packet

Motion to approve the date changes made to the Youth Achievement Award Packet was made by Member Kelley, seconded by Member Burnette, Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Kent Donahue, Grants Coordinator / PIO, will post the application on social media as well as the website.

4. UPDATE: Adopt-A-Road project date

Mr. Donahue said the Board will need to attend a group safety training with Mike Silvey, Assistant Public Works Director prior to the cleanup. Mr. Donahue is working on scheduling a date for the training and will bring dates back to the Board.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was none

D. BOARD COMMENTS

There was none

E. NEXT MEETING DATE

5. Next Meeting Date: 4-5-2016

F. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Member Burnette and seconded by Member Kelley. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Chairman Burnette

**YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
2016
Nomination Packet**

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**City of Port Orange
City Manager**



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(Please print or type)

Nominee

Name: Michael Cocomazze
Age: 17 Birth Date: April 15th 1998
School: Atlantic H.S. Grade: 12 Weighted G.P.A.: 3.8
Mailing Address: 5478 St. Regis Way
Home Phone: 386-756-1556 Cell Phone: 386-871-7136
Email: MikeCocomazze@live.com

Applicant Making the Nomination

Name: Jorge Lazu-Collet
Organization (if applicable): FL-942 JROTC, Atlantic HS
Mailing Address: 1250 Reed Canal Rd. Port Orange FL 32129
Home Phone: 386-322-6100 Cell Phone: 386-299-0335
Email: jlazu@volusia.k12.fl.us

Relationship to Nominee: Instructor

Required Information

Does the Nominee meet all of the eligibility requirements?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Has the Nominee received any other awards for his/her accomplishments, leadership or service? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide details: See attached

Resume.

Letters of Support and Recommendation

Reference #1

Name: Ronnie Garrett

Daytime Phone: 386-322-6100 ext 38174

Email: Vgarrett@volusia.k12.fl.us

Reference #2

Name: Shelli Keir

Daytime Phone: 386-235-1632

Email: Skeir46@gmail.com

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Signatures

Nominee's Signature: Jorge Lazucollet

Name: Jorge Lazucollet Date: 3-16-16

Applicant's Signature: Michael Cocozze

Name: Michael Cocozze Date: 3-16-16

Michael R. Cocomazze



OBJECTIVE

My main goals are to become a Military Police Officer with the United States Army and to later transition into the civilian law enforcement world as a State Trooper while possessing a Masters degree in Criminal Justice or related subject.

EDUCATION

2012-2016: Atlantic High School, High School diploma.

AWARDS

Atlantic High School:

Shark of the Month

April 2013, September 2013, May 2015,

"In recognition of outstanding contributions to Atlantic High School and possessing the qualifications of leadership, enthusiasm and pride."

City of Port Orange:

May, 2015

"Participation in Student Government Day"

Atlantic High School: Fin'ESSE

2014

"Certificate of Membership"

Atlantic High School: National Honor Society

2015

"Certificate of Membership."

Atlantic High School: Air Force Junior ROTC.

May 8th, 2015

"Best at Drill"

National Society Daughters of the American Colonists:

April 24th, 2015

"Certificate of Award for academic excellence, good character, dependability and exceptional potential for leadership as a member of the Reserve Officer Training Corps"

Atlantic High School: Air Force Junior ROTC.

May 9th, 2014

"Best of Inspection, Foxtrot Squadron"

National Society, United States Daughters of 1812: National Defense Committee

May 9th, 2014

JROTC Medal: *"A JROTC student who has demonstrated qualities of academic excellence, leadership, military discipline, dependability, patriotism and upright character in speech and habits which exemplify the ideals upon which our nation was founded"*

Celebrate Freedom Foundation:

May 3rd, 2013

JROTC Award: *"For outstanding performance in academics and cadet corps activities as a first or second year JROTC cadet"*

Tuskegee Airmen Inc.

May 3rd, 2015

Certificate of Achievement: *"For sustained superior performance in the cadet corps exemplified through outstanding leadership, AFJROTC participation, academic performance and service to the community, school and unit"*

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Cell Phone: 386-871-7136
Home Phone 386-756-1556
E-mail: mikecocomazze@live.com

Michael R. Cocomazze

Work Experience

August, 2015: Wellness Floor Intern
YMCA of Volusia and Flagler Counties

Cleaning equipment, assisting patrons, organizing equipment and shadowing personal trainers.

January, 2016 McDonald's Crew Member

FHF Foods Inc. McDonald's

Preparing food, cleaning equipment, providing customer service, cleaning lobby, assembling food.

Volunteer Work

Over the course of my high school career I have accumulated over 400 community service hours while being apart of organizations such as Key Club, JROTC, National Honor Society and SGA. Some of the activities I've participated in to earn these hours include trash pickup, helping with blood drives, creating arts and crafts for he elderly, assisting in community events and participating in drives to help the needy.

Qualifications

Hardworking, Attentive, On time, Socialable, Reliable, Team Player
Dedicated.

Leadership

Operations Officer of Air Force JROTC. Formerly the Recruiting Officer and Personnel Officer.

Former Commander of Rocket Club and Static Model Club in JROTC.

Historian of Academy of Law and Government at Atlantic High School.
Formerly the Communications Director

President of Key Club.

Secretary of Atlantic High School's National Honor Society chapter.

Secretary of Atlantic High School's Fin'ESSE Honor Society.

Secretary of Senior Class Board

Secretary of Student Government Association.

Participation

JROTC-Color Guard

JROTC POW Team

JROTC-Drill Team

JROTC-Physical Training Club

JROTC-Rocket Club

JROTC-Static Model Club

Academy of Law and Government

Mock Trial Team

National Honor Society

Fin'ESSE Honor Society

Key Club

Senior Class Board

Atlantic Sun Newspaper

Student Government Association.

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What the Youth Achievement Award Means to me.

In my high school career I have been fortunate enough to earn several awards for various things I've done around school, in organizations and around the community. However no award would be of more value to me than the Youth Achievement Award. All my life I have lived, grown, worked, volunteered, gone to church and have gone to school all in the City of Port Orange. To be honored by my hometown for my hard work would be an experience like no other.

But living my life in Port Orange is just the beginning. From going to Our Lady of Hope Church for what is now known as Faith-Formation and going door to door for the Cub Scouts to sell popcorn when I was younger, to volunteering at the YMCA and interning at the Police Department, Port Orange has played a key role in my development as someone who works hard and gives back to the community. That kind of hard work can be interpreted by all the activities I do with my JROTC unit which can include trash pickup along Reed Canal, event assistance and presenting the colors at sporting events or other special occasions. Everything I've done in Port Orange also shaped my leadership skills which helped me earn titles such as President of Key Club, Historian of the Academy of Law and Government and Secretary of National Honor Society and Student Government. With all these positions I have learned how to balance and how to prioritize, which is what has helped me maintain 3.7 to 3.9 GPA and hold an A or B in all Honors and AP courses. Responsibility is also another pillar of my life, to which I've had to intertwine all of these aspects of my life into one and keep track of them. From finding new ways to expand Atlantic's Key Club chapter to planning a mock car crash to raise awareness on drunk driving, I'm always finding a way to promote a better aspect of life in my community and have always done what it takes to do the right thing in the best interests of my home.

All my life I've always worked hard and tried to get the job done right. And now, that is paying off for me. With a successful senior year coming to an end and my acceptance into The Citadel in South Carolina, things are beginning to fall in place and my future could not look any brighter. It is with this success that I owe a big appreciation to my hometown of Port Orange for shaping me into the kind of person it took to be this successful.



Atlantic High School

1250 Reed Canal Road
Port Orange, Florida 32129
Main Office: (386) 322-6100
Fax: (386) 506-0001



March 18, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

*James Tager
Principal*

*Jonathan Cunningham
Assist. Principal*

*Latonya Elmore
Asst. Principal*

*Danielle Leffler
SIG Project Manager*

*Dhand Presley
Asst. Principal*

*Brian Zinck
Asst. Principal*

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Michael Cocomazze for the Port Orange Youth Achievement Award.. I have known Michael for the last four years and have worked with him as the sponsor of the National Honor Society, and "Fin"esse, Atlantic High School's Society of Excellence. Michael is secretary of both organizations. He has also been a member of the Academy of Law and Government and the Atlantic High School Air Force Junior ROTC where he has worked as Operations Officer, Recruiting Officer, and Personnel Officer. In addition to these organizations, he is also a member of Student Government, Mock Trial, Key Club, and the Senior Class Board.

Michael does an exemplary job motivating other team members, and his involvement in various extra-curricular activities on our campus has helped set the tone for the other students. Although Mike's grade point average speaks for itself (3.7), a listing of his courses will show his dedication as a student. He has excelled in his honors courses and has always set a positive example for other students in the classroom and in the community.

As you can see by Mike's resume, he is an outstanding young man. He has logged over 200 community service hours, working through ROTC, The Key Club, and NHS. What impresses me most about Mike is that he never shirks his responsibilities, and he always has a positive outlook. He contributes his time and his talents to the community untiringly. He is truly an incredible young man that I am proud to recommend. If I can offer any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 386/322-6100, ext. 38174 or vgarrett@volusia.k12.fl.us

Sincerely,
Ronnie Garrett
Sponsor, NHS & "Fin"esse
Atlantic High School

SHARKS

"Living the Vision"

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of Michael Cocomazze for the Port Orange Youth Achievement Award. Being an active parent with Atlantic High School's Academy of Law and Government, I have had the pleasure of working with Michael on several occasions and have had an opportunity to get an idea on what kind of student and person Michael truly is.

His grades and accomplishments couldn't speak more for themselves. Michael is a well renowned student who excels in academics and always sets the pace in his honors and AP classes all while maintain a 3.8 GPA. Michael has also been one to balance his priorities in the classroom with those outside the classroom such as his major involvement as a JROTC Cadet, Secretary of National Honor Society, President of Key Club, Secretary of Student Government and Historian of the Academy of Law and Government. It is such balance that has earned him over 400 community service hours and numerous awards from organizations that seek out the best and brightest of students. Michael's hard work and accomplishments have also earned him admission into colleges such as Embry Riddle and The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina. I, along with other parents in the Academy get a chance to see how the students lead and take scenarios into their own hands, which is exactly what Michael has done. He is currently planning a mock DUI car crash for Atlantic to raise awareness on drunk driving for teens.

Michael has always shown that he can be a leader and that he can take on whatever task is put in front of him and not only accomplish it by meeting the standards of that task, but by also exceeding those standards. Over the past four years I have interacted with many students who stand out and go above and beyond what they are expected and I am glad to say that Michael is not only one of those students but is probably one of the most qualified candidates who meet and exceed the standards required for earning the Port Orange Youth Achievement Award and I highly recommend him for such an honor.

If you have any questions regarding my recommendation, please feel free to contact me at Skerr46@gmail.com or by phone at 386-235-1632.

Best regards,

Shelli Kerr

Healthcare provider and ALAG parent.

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Nominee

Name: BAYLEE BASTIAN
Age: 17 Birth Date: 4/6/1998
School: SCHS Grade: 12 Weighted G.P.A.: 4.50
Mailing Address: 5790 White Acres Lane Port Orange, FL 32127
Home Phone: (386)-760-8857 Cell Phone: (386)-682-9100
Email: 3baylee@gmail.com

Applicant Making the Nomination

Name: CANDACE ROOS
Organization (if applicable): SCHOOL COUNSELOR, SCHS
Mailing Address: 801 TAYLOR RD. PORT ORANGE, FL 32128
Home Phone: 322-6272 Cell Phone: 299-2141
Email: 37736
CEROOS@VOLUSIA.K12.FL.US
Relationship to Nominee: SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Required Information

Does the Nominee meet all of the eligibility requirements? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Has the Nominee received any other awards for his/her accomplishments, leadership or service? ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, please provide details: _____

President's Volunteer Service Award (2015)
Youth Volunteer of the Year at Spruce Creek High School (2015-2016)

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Letters of Support and Recommendation

Reference #1

Name: Bethany McClelland
Daytime Phone: (386) 322-6272 ext. 37823
Email: bamcclel@volusia.k12.fl.us

Reference #2

Name: Candace Roos
Daytime Phone: (386) 322-6272 ext. 37736
Email: ceroos@volusia.k12.fl.us

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Nominee's Signature: Baylee Bastian
Name: Baylee Bastian Date: 3/11/16
Applicant's Signature: Candace Roos
Name: CANDACE ROOS Date: 3/11/16

SPRUCE CREEK HIGH SCHOOL

801 Taylor Road
Port Orange, Florida 32127
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Fax (386) 506-5045
www.sprucecreekhigh.com

Todd J. Sparger, Ed.D., Principal



It is my immense pleasure to recommend Ms. Baylee Bastian for The Youth Achievement Award. She is a leader, diligent, intelligent, and has the most volunteer hours of all of the students I have ever had the opportunity to teach and work with during my tenure.

I believe her strong academic performances in her transcripts are self-explanatory; however, what impresses me as well are her extracurricular activities. Baylee is the President of our Unified Partners, where she has been a leader to promote an environment of social inclusion and acceptance. She volunteers daily with students that are disadvantaged and have intellectual disabilities. Baylee works magic with every kid she has come in contact with, and watching her interact has been so inspirational to me. There is never a child, no matter their disability, that she can't figure out a way to connect with him/her. I will never forget the look on the students' faces when they interact with Baylee, every single time: absolute joy. They always know how much she really cares. Baylee is truly an amazing young lady. Baylee is a valuable leader and is helping Spruce Creek alongside other Volusia County Schools spread awareness and acceptance. She has volunteered her time to help plan and run our End the R Word Campaign to help breakdown the stereotypes of persons with disabilities. Baylee is dedicated to this global initiative and volunteers countless hours with our Spruce Creek Unified teams. In fact, she was recognized as Volusia County Partner of the Year! The sports Baylee currently volunteers with include bocce ball, basketball, golf, and cheerleading.

She is also a GPA leader at Spruce Creek High School. Her GPA is 4.49 and class rank is 38/604 in an I.B. SCHOOL. Her meticulous manner and efficiencies in problem solving are outstanding and highly praised by many. Baylee is dual enrolled and will graduate simultaneously with her high school and associate diplomas. Baylee volunteers each and every day at Spruce Creek. She currently volunteers a minimum of one hour per day at Spruce Creek in a general education elective with a student that has special needs. She has logged over 800 hours in her tenure at Spruce Creek. She was recently recognized as Hawk of the Month as well as the Youth Volunteer of the Year for Spruce Creek High School! In addition, her ability to lead others through volunteering and her confidence has brought her praises not just from me, but other teachers, staff, schools, administration, and people in our community.

In summary, Ms. Baylee Bastian is a promising young lady that is contributing to our community through exorbitant volunteer hours. I believe her leadership abilities both academically as well as her commitment to volunteering in the community are among the best. Baylee is the epitome of an outstanding and achieving young lady! Her passion, drive, and dedication make Baylee shine! If there is anything I can do on Baylee's behalf, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Bethany A. McClelland



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March 13, 2016

RE: Letter of Recommendation for Baylee Bastian

To Whom It May Concern:

I have had the pleasure to know Baylee as a student in my guidance alpha group for four years, and I have always been impressed with her dedication to her studies, her appreciation of and participation in intelligent conversation, and her deeper understanding of relevant issues. She is a young woman who is driven to succeed, always eager to learn and experience something new while often offering a unique perspective to consider in a given situation.

Baylee is truly one of the most selfless, giving, and highly impressive students I have ever known in my 18 year career in education. She is completing her AA degree at Daytona State College at the end of this semester as well as graduating from high school; all while volunteering with our exceptional students both as a class and because she wants to work with them in the future. Baylee currently is 43rd in her class of 619 (including the international baccalaureate students) and has over 960 volunteer hours. She is a warm, friendly, very engaging young woman truly deserving of your scholarship.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Candace Roos".

Candace Roos

Certified School Counselor, *SCHS*



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Thoren Perego

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Nominee

Name: Thoren Perego
Age: 18 Birth Date: 01/21/1998
School: Atlantic High School Grade: 12 Weighted G.P.A.: 3.84
Mailing Address: 910 Hamlin Drive, South Daytona FL 32119
Home Phone: N/A Cell Phone: (386) 383-8892
Email: thoren.perego@yahoo.com

Applicant Making the Nomination

Name: James R. Clements
Organization (if applicable): Atlantic High School
Mailing Address: 1250 Reed Canal Road, Port Orange
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: (386) 290-1781
Email: _____
jrclemen@volusia.k12.fl.us
Relationship to Nominee: teacher, Science Olympiad team coach

Required Information

Does the Nominee meet all of the eligibility requirements? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Has the Nominee received any other awards for his/her accomplishments, leadership or service? ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, please provide details: Medallion of Excellence, Air Force Association Award, Military Order of World Wars, Principal's trophy, Commander's trophy, national seafarers Award

Letters of Support and Recommendation

Reference #1

Name: Kathleen Garvin
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Nominee's Signature: Thoren Perego
Name: Thoren Perego Date: 3/24/16
Applicant's Signature: James R. Clements
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter of recommendation for Thoren Perego. I am the Student Government Association (SGA) sponsor. During my time working at Atlantic I have worked with the best and brightest this school and community has to offer. Many of the high-achieving students eventually become a part of SGA and therefore I have helped cultivate many young leaders. I met Thoren during his sophomore year and recognized he would be a great asset to SGA. The circumstances under which I met him exemplify his character well. It was the night of our homecoming and the students and I realized that we did not have enough people to help clean up from the dance. Thoren, who was unable to attend the dance, had asked if he could help. We were desperate and I did not expect him to be willing to come help at eleven at night. To my appreciation and surprise, Thoren showed up shortly after and was a very helpful asset to the clean-up. He was able to move the large aesthetic pieces and we finished in a short amount of time.

He has not only made an impact in the school, but has been a valuable asset in the administration of our community outreach projects. Every year, we conduct at least four blood drives with the company *Oneblood*. These blood drives help hundreds of people in the community in trauma cases, and they would not be as successful as they are without the effort of dedicated students, such as Thoren. One thing that I find unique in Thoren is his tenacity and drive. Whenever he was assigned a task, it was completed efficiently, timely, and always above my expectations. One thing for certain however, Thoren will be one of those students who go on past high school and really make a difference and I am glad I was able to get to know him as a student, leader, and person. I highly recommend Thoren for your scholarship. Sincerely,

Kathleen f. Garvin

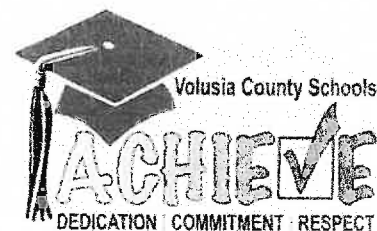
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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is without reservation that I strongly recommend Thoren Perego for selection for financial assistance. He is without exception one of the most talented young people I have ever had the privilege to teach.

Diland Presley
Assistant Principal

After working with, teaching, and getting to know Thor, I can firmly say he exemplifies the characteristics I try to instill in all of my students. Not only is he a hard-working student, he is a leader on campus and a servant of the community.

Brian Zinck
Assistant Principal

I have worked with Thor on Key Club events and charitable activities, watched him lead his outstanding Air Force Junior ROTC unit as cadet commander, and observed him give input at our monthly School Advisory Council consisting of adult community stakeholders. As a voting member of SAC, not only is his student perspective represented well but he is a respected and equal partner in the decision-making progress, helping to mold school policy and direction. He is a poised and intelligent member of any group, perceived as a leader in whatever he does. Humble and polite, he is a joy to work with, always ready to listen to others and help form a course of action all can support.

His latest endeavor was to be a key advocate for the formation of a school-wide coalition of academies and activities to avoid duplication of effort, to focus on bigger issues, and to unite the various interest groups in pursuit of larger goals. Their first project was to create a campus recycling program where none had existed before. It is now in-place in every classroom and gathering area.

He's a great student with a very bright future. Please help him achieve his goals.

Sincerely,

James R. Clements, Major, USAF (Retired)
A National Board-certified teacher