

Alex Minnig is a student I believe to be extraordinary. He is no less than a hero in my eyes, and I am thrilled to nominate him for this very special scholarship. I am a school counselor at Carmel High School; and although Alex is not in my student caseload, he has greatly impacted the life of one student who is.

Alex is a mentor in our Greyhound Kickoff program (G-KOM); a program which prepares upper classmen to mentor the incoming freshman. Alex took his role of mentor way beyond the expectations of the program. .. **The details that were supplied at this point in the nomination were personal with regards to the student who Alex helped. Therefore, these comments will not be released; however, please know that the scholarship committee found them to be very extraordinAIRy ad sacrificing even for a mature adult...**

Alex is an exceptional young man, a hero. Crossing the boundaries of social circles, sacrificing time and efforts, believing in the power to make a difference, exercising persistence, empathy, kindness and respect for all people are all ways that Alex exhibits an extraordinary spirit. I believe his mature, assertive, caring, and insightful character saved a life. What could be more extraordinary than that?

I have witnessed a level of maturity and tenderness for another human being that you don't find very often in 17-18 year olds... He has an amazing gut instinct and he knows when he needs to take action to help [someone]. Alex has never been offended by this boy's lack of appreciation when Alex intervenes on his behalf... Alex has gone above and beyond more than anyone I can recall in my 12 year career as a school counselor. I hope that we have conveyed the priceless wonder that Alex Minnig is and that you find him worthy of this ExtraordinAIRy scholarship.

Alex Minning is very deserving of an ExtraordianAIRy Scholarship. I have had the privilege of working with Alex as a sponsor with Carmel High School's G-Kom program. The idea behind this program is to have juniors and seniors mentor the freshman and help them transition to high school. Alex was selected to be on the council that oversaw all the G-Kom's his senior year. He was selected to be on the council by teachers and his peers for his dedication, leadership, and service to others.

Alex is very dedicated and gives to what he is doing whole heartedly. He does not take his commitments lightly. Alex was always available to do whatever job that was at hand, a great team player. He frequently would take leads on projects needed to be completed and made sure that they were accomplished. For instance, he was able to help put a video together for our call-out meeting recently. Of course this does not come without small problems along the way! Alex was encouraging and determined to get things accomplished. He delegated appropriately and after many meeting we were able to put the video together. His dedication and leadership though this process was few I see in high school students. In his leadership roles, Alex is positive and encouraging. He maintains an upbeat attitude when there are hiccups, he perseveres until the job is complete.

...

As I have had the opportunity to observe Alex in other relationships through the council, I see that same care, compassion, and love for his friends on a daily basis - whether helping with homework, giving them a ride home, or being there with a comforting word. If a friend was in need, Alex would stop at nothing to make sure the friend got the help and support they need. Through this process, I have seen maturity, compassion, perseverance, and dedication in this senior that I have not seen in many other high school students.

I consider it a great honor to write this recommendation for Alex. Working with Alex on G-Kom council is more of a co-worker relationship than a student-teacher relationship. From what I have seen, Alex will be a leader in his college and his job. He is unselfish and has a genuine desire to see others succeed. I could not think of a more deserving student for your scholarship.

My name is Joy L. Law and I am currently the Business Education Department chair, Marketing Education teacher and DECA advisor for Carmel High School. I am a graduate of Ball State University and have been a teacher with Carmel High School for 29 years. I have had the pleasure of knowing Alex Minnig as a student in our Junior Marketing/Senior Marketing Education classes the past two years. It gives me considerable pleasure to write this recommendation for him.

Alex is a bright student in a very academically oriented high school. He is an outstanding student in class and is determined to do well. Alex has the willingness to accept responsibility and initiate improvements. He is an independent worker but also a team player, which is demonstrated in the marketing classes and the projects they are assigned.

Alex has been involved in DECA for the past two school years. I have had the pleasure to observe Alex's enthusiasm during school events and as a participant as a member for Carmel High School DECA/Marketing Association. Carmel High School is known for its outstanding DECA program in the state. Alex participated at the district level and qualified for State level competition during his junior year. This year, Alex has competed in Retail Management and has qualified for DECA International Leadership conference in April, 2010. During his senior year Alex has also worked as a Marketing Co-op student at a local restaurant. He is a very valuable employee and has learned about job responsibilities.

Again, it is an honor for me to recommend Alex. He is definitely a highly motivated student and is extremely interested in pursuing business after high school.
