

Letter of Recommendation for: Ms. Tessa D. Daczyk

Letter of Recommendation by: Mr. Paul Konichek

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Ms. Tessa D. Daczyk was a very astute, friendly, intelligent full year Physics student of mine last school year. It was such a joy to have such a perceptive caring individual as herself, eager to learn, in the student audience. When the school district is both giving you an overload of classes and overloaded classes, having students like Tessa really helps.

Ms. Daczyk's primary career objective is becoming a pediatrician of the U. S. Air Force. Having taught Astronomy at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs for the Space Foundation; while simultaneously working for NASA, representing all high school teachers in the nation, on a special 'Blue Ribbon Panel' of K-16 professional educators, NASA knows my gift of seeing other peoples gifts. Similar to the handful of judicious students in my past 37 years of professional teaching, I truly believe Tessa chose a field using her gifts wisely for all of the following reasons.

First, Tessa is warm, graceful, and makes friends easily as is evident in that her class chose her as their class president both her junior and senior year. Then the entire school chooses her to represent her school on the homecoming court that also has the huge responsibility of judging the very exalted Mr. SPASH contest. Everyone knows that Ms. Daczyk is a person of incisive yet great judgment.

Being a pediatrician for the U.S. Air Force is a crucial part of supporting Airmen as when they know their families are well taken care of, it's easier for them to focus on their mission. Tessa's dedication and expertise will provide the necessary peace of mind our Airmen need. Ms. Daczyk chose a field where she'll be trained and work in an environment with top-notch staff, equipment, and the facilities she needs. She'll help guide and support families through the full range of physical, mental and emotional growth and development as well as illnesses present in childhood.

She can handle the above responsibilities knowledge wise, as Tessa has a cumulative GPA that rounds to a perfect 4.0 and ranks in the top 3% of her graduating class even though she took tough classes that would best prepare her for this chosen occupation. A U.S. Air Force pediatrician would have taken AP U.S. History, AP Psychology, AP Government, AP Language and Composition, and AP Biology besides the Chemistry and Physics classes she took. How perceptive was she in her skill to choose all the above classes to become proficient in, to give her the know-how as preparation for being an Air Force pediatrician.

Tessa will need to help manage children with complex disorders. Using a variety of sophisticated resources, she'll help direct the provision of care for families. To prepare herself for this Tessa does Nursing Home-elderly visits and has been a nanny child care provider since she was 13 years old.

To be in the U.S. military requires fitness as Tessa will work with patient transport, humanitarian outreach and victims of natural disaster or conflict. To prepare herself physically Ms. Daczyk has been active in Track and Field annually, Golf, with active hobbies of snowboarding, wakeboarding, skiing, and (my favorite) rock climbing; achieving the title of Scholar-Athlete annually. Having been active in Key Club, the Global Awareness Club and office assistant has help hone her for her future career also.

Tessa exudes excitement. She consistently radiates positive energy. Ms. Tessa Daczyk energizes others by pointing out and focusing on potential solutions. She achieves all these unbelievable task simultaneously by creating a balance between academics, social and extracurricular activities, and family.

Ms. Tessa D. Daczyk sets an overall tone of competence, optimism, inspiration and integrity, by example. She models a disciplined, synergistic lifestyle that provides the energy and endurance to handle the physical and emotional challenges of leadership as a Pediatrician of the U.S. Air Force. Tessa will make our country proud, just as she has made me, her graduating class, her school, and her community proud.

Borrowing from my Pershing Rifle days in college, Tessa is 2nd to none, she has 'Aimed High...', 'Uno Ab Alto', as 'No One Comes Close' to Ms. Tessa D. Daczyk. For all the above reasons I bestow upon Ms. Tessa D. Daczyk my highest of recommendations.

Sincerely,

Mr. Paul Konichek

NASA Blue Ribbon Panel (2003)

NASA Teacher Liaison (Flight 2)

Summited Mt. Aconcagua (22,837 feet) (2005)

Portage County Business Partners Golden Apple Award Winner (2006-2007)

Teacher of MATH, ASTRONOMY, PHYSICS, COMPUTER PROG. (1976-present)

Monthly Portage County Gazette Science Writer (2004-present)

Mt. Fuji, Japan; Mt. Pico, Azores; Coma Pedrossa, Andorra (summers of 2012, 2013)