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It is a distinct honor to write on behalf of Mr. Travis Warner for the Don Diego Scholarship. As a 4-H leader and FFA advisor, you have the opportunity to watch young students and members grow into wonderful examples of what youth leadership looks like. It has been a true pleasure watching Travis excel and grow into the young man that serves the Manzanita 4-H and Lakeside Middle FFA.

At the age of 9, this young man started exploring his passion for the livestock industry, showing his first market goat which led to other projects including market lambs and dairy cattle. It was in the dairy barn at the San Diego County Fair where I made my first observation of this hard working young man caring for his project in the barn and preparing for the show.

What struck me about Travis was he was willing to help anyone and he is very respectful to all he comes in contact with. It was a true joy to watch Travis experience victory and defeat in the show ring for one reason- he always emerges with a positive attitude and a genuine desire to improve a mistake or shortcoming he may have experienced. I had the opportunity to judge multiple times at the Eastern San Diego County Fair. It was during this time I really challenged the exhibitors about the dairy industry. I recall a very engaging conversation with Travis about his dairy project and his passion for the project. This 4-H member's enthusiasm truly left a positive impact on me for that day forward.

Travis took the next steps to become an active role model in leadership serving as a junior and teen leadership, earning his bronze star and engaging in many community service projects during his time in 4-H. During his middle school years, he had the distinct honor of serving as middle school FFA President and 4-H Club President. It is a true challenge during this time in life balancing all your obligations with your school work. Travis has done an excellent job maintaining good marks in school and achieving a high level of success in all things he puts his efforts towards. Now, our candidate has reached the final semester of his senior year and is preparing for his advanced studies in the welding industry once he graduates.

I cannot think of a more deserving candidate than Travis Warner for the Don Deigo Scholarship. He truly makes the best better and embraces the true essence of a learn by doing philosophy.

We, as a community, are very proud of all he has accomplished to get to this moment in life.

I send forth this candidate with the highest recommendation to the review committee.

Should you have any other questions about this young please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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