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To Whom It May Concern,

I am a current senior at Blind Brook High School and captain of the Blind Brook Debate Team. I will be attending Dartmouth College in the fall. I came to know Ms. Wong through her role as the advisor of the debate team for the 2017-2018 school year as well as my school’s librarian.

As the debate advisor, Ms. Wong encouraged me to dig deeper into issues and take risks in formulating my arguments and counter arguments. She did this while promoting an inclusive environment and teaching each of us to embrace our differences and grow stronger as teammates. Ms. Wong expressed a desire to connect with each individual member of the team and her commitment to the students was further exhibited when she devoted her own time over multiple weeknights and Saturdays outside of her normal school responsibilities to help prepare us for tournaments. Ms. Wong always challenged us to think critically when we developed our arguments and rebuttals for a variety of global and domestic topics.

In her role as the school librarian, Ms. Wong introduced new technology and educational opportunities in order to make the library a student friendly environment where everyone felt welcome. She put out chess boards, charging strips for students like myself who forget to charge their phones, remote controlled Star Wars robots (droids), puzzles and magazines, just to name a few. Ms. Wong believed that she had a responsibility to help reduce stress and anxiety in over scheduled and academically driven students. Ms. Wong is innovative, passionate about learning and imparting this passion in her students and a leader in developing the new face of school libraries. I look forward to continuing to keep in contact with Ms. Wong when I leave Blind Brook and believe she is a valuable asset to any educational setting.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (914) 380-0044 if I can be of further assistance.

Very truly yours,

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