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Guidelines for Recommendations from High School Faculty

Your letter of recommendation for admission to the Nazareth High School Research Program is very important to us. Faculty recommendations are critical to our selection process. To help you compose your letter, below are some characteristics we are looking for in our students.

- 1. <u>Overall academic excellence</u>. We are looking for students are committed to and have a record of academic excellence across all subjects.
- 2. <u>Interest in and passion for biology/chemistry/environmental science</u>. We are running an interdisciplinary research program involving the above three areas. We are looking for students who show a genuine enthusiasm for this kind of work.
- 3. <u>Technical leadership potential</u>. We strive for a student-driven program, where the students are involved in making key decisions. The students need to be completely engaged and proactive in their behavior. We are looking young people who have the potential to evolve into technical and scientific leaders.
- 4. <u>Teamwork and interpersonal skills</u>. We're looking for students who are comfortable and can function well in a small group setting. In the course of the program they will have to depend on one another to generate and analyze data and results.

Send your recommendation as an e-mail attachment to Dr. David Giacherio at dgiache1@naz.edu. You will receive an acknowledgement that your letter has been received. All letters will be treated confidentially.

If you have any questions about how your recommendation will be handled, please e-mail Dr. Giacherio, or call/text him at 585-755-2835. We have written many letters of recommendation, so we know how difficult and time consuming it can be. Please accept our sincere thanks for your efforts.

Drs. Das and Giacherio