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Dear Ms. Fitzner,

My name is Evan Sadlon, and I will be graduating from Prospect High School in 2017. I have a 4.5 GPA (5.1 weighted) on a 5.0 scale, and I scored a 30 on my ACT. I have been accepted and will attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the fall. Thank you for the opportunity to apply for a \$1,000 scholarship towards my freshman year of college.

To me, a specific characteristic, belief or common goal of a group of people creates a meaningful community. Since the beginning of time, people have always strived for a sense of community. It is sacred, as the oneness that is felt in the fellowship of others shows us what it's like to be part of a family. While the community that some may instantly think of is the Arlington Heights or Mount Prospect area, it is more important to think about the abstract and smaller communities that encompass us. The Prospect High School community, which I have been a part of for almost four years, means very much to me. In every aspect of the high school experience, I will always want my peers to succeed: in grades, performance or athletics. Within Prospect High School, I was a part of the football program for four years. This program taught me life skills about success, adversity, and how to be a better person. I will take everything I learned and in turn make whatever community I am a part of more prosperous. I know how to continue fighting when times get tough and how to work with others towards a common goal. These skills are the basis of a solid community. A second community I am a part of is at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. I am a part of the youth group there and also play piano in the youth group band that performs for confirmands on Sunday nights. Teaching and guiding the younger kids in the church community gives me an appreciation for the future and how I can have an impact. Not only does community matter in the present day, but knowing the past and preparing for the future are just as important. Finally, there is the professional side of community. I currently work at Players U, an athletic training facility in Mount Prospect. I work at the front desk, welcoming people and helping them with anything they might need. The more I get to

know the people who come in, the more I can create trust and respect between them and Players U. It is humbling and also very gratifying.

In order to support its surrounding community, Costello Dental Excellence has to be involved. Showing support is not done from a distance; showing support comes from being there with active interaction. Some possible ways include:

1) A day of service once or twice each year. Through Prospect we had a day of service in October where members of the school went out into the community and worked with the Mount Prospect Park District to give back. Some of us ran a Halloween themed amusement day at Lions Park, and others ran basketball clinics at the Recplex. Through my church I participated in Feed My Starving Children. This is just one idea of a volunteer opportunity that the office could coordinate.

2) Make a point to promote the benefits of preventive dental care in schools.

I know on your website you have a place to request a visit by Costello Dental Excellence. One possible enhancement to this could be to have the office request a visit to classrooms at elementary schools and middle schools to talk about (and creatively portray) all the benefits of dental health. Meeting kids where they are to talk about what dental health is all about shows a willingness to actively engage with the surrounding community.

3) Support dental protection in high school sports.

Costello Dental Excellence could provide free mouth guards to football, basketball (both girls and boys) and soccer (both girls and boys) teams. If this would get too costly, meeting with the teams at Prospect, Hersey, St. Viator, Rolling Meadows and Buffalo Grove to talk about how important dental protection is would still make a significant difference.

4) Continuing to offer this scholarship!

Providing support to a student to further their education shows patients that Costello Dental Excellence is interested in helping them succeed in life beyond dental care. This investment leads to a true win for everyone. Thank you again for this opportunity, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.