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## Paige E. Umberger



Paige Umberger is graduating from Ursuline Academy of Cincinnati, having completed many honors and advanced placement classes with a weighted GPA of 4.04. Paige plans to attend Denison University, where she has been accepted, to major in Humanities and Psychology. In her personal essay, Paige detailed an influential community service experience that helped to shape her “perspective on life” and dreams for the future. Paige would like to focus her future career on helping people, especially women and minorities.

One of the more significant community service activities Paige has been involved in is mentoring a young girl through the “Big Brothers Big Sisters” program. She makes it a point to do a variety of activities with her Little Sister on a weekly basis. Paige has also volunteered at a local nursing home playing Bingo or just talking with some of the residents to help make their quality of life a little better. She has participated in “Summer of Service” for a full week each year.

In school, Paige is a member of the French Club, has written for the student newspaper, and is consistently on the honor roll. She is a three-year member of the National Honor Society, and received the “Women in History” Academic Award during her Jr. year.

One of her teachers described Paige as “... a joy to work with. Her fellow students and my teaching colleagues all know her as a kind and thoughtful young woman.” She goes on to say, “These personal qualities augment her intellectual power to make her a valuable asset to any school.” The School Based Coordinator at Big Brothers Big Sisters stated that Paige has “... exceeded the expectations of our agency ...” in her work with her Little Sister, and that, “She has been ... extremely committed to developing a relationship with her Little Sister ...” and will have a measurable impact on her life.

In her free time, Paige has pursued dance as well as taking guitar lessons for the past three years. She also noted in her character essay that she was deeply influenced by Randy Pausch, a professor at Carnegie Mellon University who inspired others when he gave “The Last Lecture” shortly before succumbing to pancreatic cancer. His message of remaining positive and pursuing your dreams has further helped Paige to choose her educational and career path.

Paige is the daughter of Timothy and Margaret Umberger of West Chester, Ohio. Tim works at Branch #417 in Cincinnati, Ohio, and has been with Ferguson for 24 years.

***Congratulations and best wishes for the future, Paige Umberger!***