



Congratulations!

2011 Ferguson Scholar

MEGHAN E. HAESE

Brillion High School

Brillion, Wisconsin, Class of 2011

Bound for Mount Mary College, Milwaukee

Interior Design Major

Meghan has earned a solid 3.51 unweighted GPA. While not remarkable on its own, this is a result of her work ethic and determination. Meghan was diagnosed at a young age with a learning disability that makes every school day a significant challenge, particularly reading and writing. In spite of that challenge, Meghan has been on the Honor Roll every quarter in high school and a member of the National Honor Society.

Through her association with the American Legion Auxiliary, Friends of St. Pats, and 4-H, Meghan has performed nearly 500 hours of community service. She also participates in Youth Ministry at her church. In 4-H, she has served as Vice President, Treasurer, Reporter and Secretary of her club.

At Brillion High School Meghan has managed to participate in multiple activities in spite of the extra hours she spends on academics. She has spent over 100 hours as a charter member and currently President for the group "Hunting for a Cure" (a cancer awareness group). She also belongs to "Teens Against Bad Attitudes," has played Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, and run Cross Country, and participated in the St. Jude Telethon. She is a member of the Drama Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Pep Club, Forensics, and was selected to the Winter Court. In addition to achieving honor roll every quarter, Meghan was named a Scholar Athlete and Optimist Student of the Month. She has accomplished all this while holding a part-time job.

In her personal essay, Meghan said that she loves to help others and loves doing community service. Not only has she participated in the usual projects, like picking up trash on the roadside, she has grown out her hair on three occasions to cut and donate it (in 10-inch lengths) to Locks of Love, an organization that provides hairpieces to disadvantaged children under age 18. Her essay also acknowledged the contributions of her parents and some of her teachers in helping her to learn strategies to cope with her learning disability, enabling her to be successful. She is a truly determined young woman.

Meghan's English teacher stated that, "Meghan's work ethic makes her stand out amongst other students." She went on to explain that her Honor Roll achievements do not, "begin to describe the amount of effort and dedication Meghan puts into every assignment in every class." "She never used any excuses or wanted any special treatment. She worked on improving her craft and has learned how to overcome obstacles in order to reach success." Another teacher said that Meghan mentors and tutors other students with learning disabilities.

Donna and Kevin Haese are the proud parents of Meghan. Kevin is a Quality Control Inspector for Entries International.

Best of luck at Mount Mary College, 2011 Ferguson Scholar

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