March 30th, 2016

Re: Elli Meagher Scholarship Application

To the Board of the MAGA,

It is my pleasure to give this recommendation to Ms Elli Meagher in her quest for the MAGA scholarship of 2016. Elli Meagher has been a part of Premier Complex since it opened in the fall of 2007. She was part of the Amery Community Education program before that, where we all started together.

Elli has competed the MAGA circuit since we joined them in 2008. She was diagnosed with Cushing's disease in 2009 and went on to 3 brain surgeries and numerous trips to Virginia for testing. I cannot begin to explain in detail the extent of the trials this disease has on the average youth but I can sum it up by saying that to be a gymnast with this disease, to compete the sport and to continue on in the quest of being successful at it is almost unheard of.

When thinking of who would be an inspiration to other athletes in our gym or even out in the world I would think of Elli. She would give others hope that it is possible to live a dream of competitive gymnastics when the odds may be against you. I know Elli does not like me to speak of it because she doesn't want it to define her but this is a defining point in life for her. She fought through some of the worst battles and continued on.

Elli is a coach at Premier Complex and also now in the Amery Community Education classes that is also staffed by Premier. The gymnasts that are gifted with her as a coach continually talk about Elli and how they love working with her and how they enjoy her classes and her blue or purple hair, depending on what month it is.

I know that this young lady will speak highly of her gymnastic experience and how it was a strong part of her life and a large factor in the drive to heal after her surgeries.

Elli is also a stellar student and has worked very hard to stay on top of her education despite all the time and effort she has put into gymnastics. I believe she will find success and change the world of those around her as she moves on into the world of adulthood.

Thank you for your consideration of our gymnast,

Dianne Dietrich

Owner and Team Director

Premier Complex Gymnastics