



I am an associate principal in a 5A school. I have been working in high schools as a teacher or administrator for my entire career--six years teaching, 18 as an administrator. I know what a typical student looks like and how a typical student behaves. I know the top 1-2%.

Jacie goes to church. Her character is rooted in her understanding of Christian behavior.

She does not use foul language. She is kind to all people, all of the time. She is inclusive and will treat people with dignity regardless of her strongly held beliefs.

Jacie is social, but not in a pushy way. She will meet every person in the room and make them feel seen and heard and appreciated.

I have known this girl since she was born. I have seen her in her home when she is exhausted, and on the stage when she is performing. She is the same....character counts whether anyone is looking or not. That is what has been instilled in her by her parents for her entire life.

Jacie has had a busy life; her parents have ensured that her two brothers and herself are busy. One of the things they do is community service, so Jacie has worked summer camps as a counselor. She cares so deeply for the children and young adults she cares for.

She could do other things, but she spends her summers giving to others and working to lead character and leadership development in those coming behind her.

But probably the thing that makes her outstanding is her history and interest in the research of helpful agricultural products. She currently plans to pursue a career in agriculture communications. As land is developed, leaving our country with less farmland, there has to be a solution to provide even MORE food if our country plans to be able to feed its people. Jacie sees a need bigger than herself, and that is her focus.

Again, I've worked with thousands of students over the course of my career in education; I've seen some unbelievably amazing kiddos. Jacie is one. Her leadership is deep. She has pursued leadership (she is a natural) and developed her skills. She has held lots of leadership positions in organizations and programs at school and outside of school, which have given rise to leadership opportunities beyond her community, representing West Texas A&M at a state and national level. She has been identified by organizations as an elite leader. Jacie never stops being a part of organizations; in those organizations, she finds a way to contribute as a leader who brings impeccable character and a heart of service to the table.

Sincerely,

Cindy Bauter