



VILLANOVA PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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RE: Passion Spark Retreat Workshops

To Whom It May Concern:

As a Director of College Counseling, I am often approached by vendors and experts in the field hoping to gain access to my students. As these students are my most valuable connections, and with whose futures I am charged, I take great care to ensure anyone I put in front of them has the student's best interests at heart.

I can say with earnest that Jerry Beckerman and the team at Passion Spark have been helping young men and women become exceptional versions of themselves. The workshops and resources they provide to students help my students transform before my eyes. Really, it's a blessing to observe.

Many young people face a challenging decision in choosing between a career with high income potential and a career with great happiness potential. In a most stunning fashion, through multiple activities over tens of hours, Passion Spark helps students create a realistic and tangible path to find a career they love that also makes them a good living.

Whether it be tapping into an interest that transforms into a clear path to a major or allowing a student to become more aware of herself so much so that she explores colleges she never thought possible, my students who have participated in Passion Spark programs are more engaged, enlightened, and invested in their futures.

A recent recipient of a full-tuition merit scholarship to Merrimack College was cited by the school's admissions officer as having an application essay so genuine and infused with her passion for helping others, the committee felt she had to be selected. The student attributed her ability to articulate her passion and capture her true essence to the experience she had at Passion Spark.

With passion as the touchstone for my students, I am able to have fruitful conversations with them that transfer to successful college and future results. I cannot thank Passion Spark enough!

Sincerely yours,



Marissa Carroll
Director of College Counseling