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Senior Project Judges

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Dear Judges:

Hello my name is Rebecca Hunter. I am in the band, National Honors Society, and Comets Care. My high school experience has been challenging and has made me grow and mature as a person. I plan to become a marine biologist after I graduate college. As a marine biologist I would love to do multiple experiments on the brains of dolphins seeing if they are really related to humans that much.

My topic for my paper was "Should the captivity of marine animals be allowed for human enjoyment?" For my product I had many ideas that would have worked wonderfully, but they fell through. I decided that I would go to a beach and clean it up because my paper talked about how the environment and humans cause the injuries that cause the animals to go into captivity. I choose this topic and product because I love marine animals and want to be a marine biologist.

I learned so much from doing my Graduation Project. I learned that there are many reasons why animals are going into captivity: sickness, injuries, and even for the sake of entertainment. I also learned that many of the aquariums and places for our enjoyment, despite their noble intentions, kill and hurt the animals in captivity. I learned stuff about myself for one I am able to overcome planning issues, communication issues, and still pull through a very detailed and successful project.

Many things went well with my product. First of all I had a great turnout, a great trip, and the cleanup went very well and we filled twelve trash bags. With all the good things that happened there were many bad things that happened, too. The most common issues I had were communication problems, technology problems, and planning issues. I overcame the communication problems by calling SUP, the

organization I worked with, and not allowing them to respond on their own times. I also overcame the technology problems by using the school computers. The planning issues I conquered by making a calendar and scheduling events all around. I think this project will help me become a better person in the future giving me more options for jobs.

Thank you for taking the time to come out to Boards Night tonight and listening to my presentation along with the various presentations of the Senior Class. That you for taking the time to get to know me by reading this letter. I hope you enjoyed what you read and hear.

Sincerely,

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