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To Whom It May Concern,

Our son Sairaj Voruganti is entering Grade 8 in Stratford Middle School in San Jose. This summer he also attended summer school at Bellaramine High School. Ms. Alexandra Ranker tutored Sairaj in Math during the summer of 2010, and both Math and Science during the summer in 2011.

Ms. Ranker not only did an excellent job of tutoring Sairaj in the fundamentals of Algebra, Geometry and Science, but more importantly, she also taught him how to self-study. That is, 1) she taught him how to manage his time using a time management calendar 2) how to take notes using flash cards while doing assignments and 3) how to prepare for exams. We are very happy because these valuable skills will be with Sairaj for the rest of his life. For the record, we also clearly saw an improvement in Sairaj's Math grades in grade 7 after getting tutored by Ms Ranker. Most importantly, we find that Sairaj is much more confident and happy about his school work after being tutored by Ms Ranker. We found Ms Ranker to be knowledgeable, organized, punctual, and most importantly she had the ability to relate and teach to a child.

In conclusion, we are very happy with the work done by Ms Ranker and highly recommend her.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sundari Voruganti". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

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February 18, 2011
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Hello Marilyn,

I hope all is going well at Stanbridge. Alex(andra) is still going to West Valley Community College and is adapting as one would expect for a person with Asperger's Syndrome. To help with her achieve success, which includes both organizational and subject matter understanding, we have enlisted the aid of a professional tutor with solid credentials in math, science, romance languages and the liberal arts. Her name is Alexandra Ranker, and I would like to introduce her to you as a potential resource to the parents of the students at Stanbridge, both current and past.

Ms. Ranker's academic background includes a B. A. in English Literature with minors in Classics and Psychology (Magna Cum Laude) from the University of Washington, Seattle, and Graduate Studies in Education at San Francisco State University. Her math skills derive from three years at UW as a chemical engineering major. She has used this to tutor students in math, science, Spanish, Latin and social sciences at both high school and college levels. Ms. Ranker has a website at www.rankertutor.com which you can visit at your convenience.

She has worked with learning disabled students with ADHD and Asperger's Syndrome. Our particular interest for Alex started with tutoring in College Algebra and Statistics, which has always been a particular challenge for her. Unfortunately, we brought Ms. Ranker in after about 6 weeks of classes had already passed, and Alex was too far behind at that point to recover and she had to drop the class. The shortfall in Math impacted her other subjects which were also had fallen behind. We had Ms. Ranker focus on helping Alex catch up in the other subjects and become more organized. Alex finished her semester with an A and a B in remaining subjects. We would have been happy with "C's", as we afraid that the semester would end with failure for her and a big hit to her confidence.

This semester Ms. Ranker is focusing on teaching Alex how to organize her 3 classes (English, Communications, and Art) and acquiring college level study habits. Again, we are concerned with Alex becoming "standalone" and "self-advocating" at college, and would be satisfied with "C's" if she can do this mostly on her own. As you know, this may take another semester or two for her to nail down what she must do on a daily basis (both studying and planning).

Because of Ms. Ranker's good work with Alex, I would like to introduce her to you as a potential resource for the parents at Stanbridge, again both current and past. She will be contacting you soon to introduce herself personally and ask you for a brief meeting at your convenience.

Best Regards to You and Stanbridge,
Jerry Karr



25 March, 2010

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To Whom It May Concern,

As a teacher in the Fremont School District AND a satisfied client of Ms. Ranker, I feel that I am a very qualified judge of the quality of her work with my son. Ms. Ranker has been tutoring our son in high school math and Spanish for 7 months.

She has gone above and beyond just "helping with homework". She has done an excellent job in communicating with my son's teachers.

My son's weakest area has been in testing. He would do all of the homework, but would then fail the tests. Until his diligent work with Ms. Ranker, he never passed a math class in High School; he is currently a senior. Ms. Ranker has been able to help him thoroughly prepare for quizzes and tests, in part, because she has emailed or spoken with the teachers and knows what will be on the tests. She is also able to give him assignments to insure that he actually KNOWS the information on tests, rather than doing homework by rote, without full comprehension. Ms. Ranker is conversant in multiple subjects, so she has been following our son in Spanish II as well, also a challenge for him. Her approach, and his results have been the same in this subject as well.

Ms. Ranker has also done a great job in communicating with my husband and me. Most importantly, she communicates well with my son. Her explanations are clear and straight forward and she is able to clarify information or concepts that my son may have misunderstood in class.

With Ms. Ranker's help, my son passed math last semester, which had been a challenge in the past. He not only passed, in fact, he got a B. In Spanish, my son has to date earned a B+, something which we did not expect given that he has not had Spanish since sophomore year, and did not excel in the subject two years ago. We are extremely happy with the job that Ms. is doing with our son and highly recommend her.


Denise Whitney

