

Letter of recommendation, March 20, 2021

Since 2002, I have been serving my country, Greece, as an officer in the traffic police. In my department we have put together a team that as well as our daily assignments, we work on organizing events with the purpose of educating citizens on road safety. Our team has been awarded with first place in the Greek National Road Safety Awareness Competition and our main focus has been to present road safety educational presentations in schools around North Greece.

During our presentations, an officer presents the fundamental rules on road safety and then asks the guest speakers to share their experience.

For the educational year 2019-2020 we had lined up events in different schools in North Greece. I heard about Ms Athanasia's Houvarda's experience through a fellow officer and asked her to join the team of our guest speakers. She showed high interest in participating in our events and very keen to start working with the team. Soon after our first meeting, Ms Houvarda was our guest speaker on presentations in high schools and although our plans were to continue with the events, we were forced to postpone them due to the pandemic for future dates.

Ms Athanasia, during her presentation, appeared confident, relaxed and with clarity she managed to describe her experience, enriching her speech with recommendations and thought-provoking questions sharing her own thoughts as a young girl before and after her accident. The students, teachers, parents and members of our team in the audience were captivated and deeply touched by her unique way of guiding them through the events of how her accident occurred. During the Q&A session, students were eager to learn more and were asking questions which she was happy to answer without any hesitation. It was impressive that some of the students went up to her at the end of the event to ask even more questions as they were touched by her story. She was more than happy to stay longer and chat with them.

Moreover, I would like to add that working with Ms Houvarda and because of her easy going nature, it was inevitable to become friends and I consider her to be a role model for all of us. Whoever is associated with her can only benefit by her positive attitude in life.

For the above reasons, I highly recommend Ms Houvarda for any speech related to road safety or topics about life and overcoming adversity.

Sincerely,

  
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