



Brookstone School

A COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

OFFICE OF THE HEADMASTER

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To whom it may concern:

I am privileged to write on behalf of Lauren Winborne and her program *It Won't Happen to Me*, a powerful message about the number one cause of teen deaths: car crashes. Lauren presented to our Upper School this spring, and her program truly "reached" our students. For more than an hour, our students hung onto Ms. Winborne's every word, and they gave her a spontaneous ovation at the conclusion of her remarks. I have had the benefit of hearing literally hundreds of presentations aimed at teens through the years, and Lauren's presentation and follow-up materials were both exceptional and effective.

The power of Ms. Winborne's presentation emanates from the tragic reality of her subject matter and the passion and knowledge with which she presents. Her audience senses these qualities, and immediately "tunes in" to what she is saying. Beyond the scope of her presentation, Lauren is an approachable, likable, *real* person with whom anyone can relate. She does not pontificate; she communicates. Our students gave her presentation "highest marks." I recommend her with both enthusiasm and gratitude: enthusiasm for her program and gratitude for the effect that she had on our school community.

Sincerely,

Scott A. Wilson
Headmaster