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Michigan State University Extension  
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Attn: Nikki Hersch  
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Re: Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year Award

Dear Nikki,

I am writing this letter to help recognize a very special young man, Wyatt Mazich. When I saw the post for the Sportsperson of the Year Award I knew that Wyatt had to be nominated. I have never meet a young man that gives so much of himself to others. I have a young daughter who is in her second year of showing. Wyatt took the time over this summer to give her tips on how to improve her showing style and skill along with helping her with her animals. When others would have let her figure it out on her own he jumped in with both feet and showed her what she needed to do. My family traveled to a few shows with Wyatt and his family and at each show Wyatt was the very same, encouraging, helpful and respectful. He interacted with you and gave assistance when he didn't have to. I can recall being at a show and being worried about our pig and Wyatt jumped into the pen and started hand watering him just because he was concerned. It was a hot day and Wyatt knew that we were stressed so he jumped in to help. Wyatt knew what the pig needed before we did. Just watching him hand water my daughters pig showed me that he stood out above many others for this award. I was in tears thinking that someone cared enough to help when they didn't have to.

Wyatt has shown that winning isn't everything. He can win with grace and lose with grace. Wyatt would shake the hand of his opponents whether he won or lost. I can't say I watched him lose much this summer but he was truly an amazing young man to watch. With only having one arm to work with he still went out there and gave it his all. He never gave up and he worked harder to prove that no matter what he was meant to be out there.

Please consider Wyatt Mazich for the Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportperson of the Year Award. I cannot think of a more deserving young man.

Thank you,



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