

WAESOL Sally Wellman Volunteer Award Nomination Letter

I want to nominate Lia Preftes for the Sally Wellman Volunteer Award. Lia has been volunteer tutoring and teaching at Literacy Source, a non-profit that provides language and citizenship training, for over two years.

Lia has faithfully spent many hours working with individual students to prepare them for their citizenship interviews. As a tutor, she volunteered over three hours a week to meet with individual students to help them learn civics material in preparation for the US citizenship interview. After spending all of last year working with Lia in tutoring, her student passed the citizenship interview. Currently, Lia is volunteer teaching in one of Literacy Source's citizenship courses. This means that she volunteers for over three hours a week in addition to teaching a full course load at Cascadia College. In the citizenship class, Lia supports the primary teacher by working one-on-one with students. She also takes time to get to know the students in the course, and she really cares about their progress and success. This heartfelt dedication clearly demonstrates the kind of person Lia is. She is warm, friendly, and cares deeply about her students and colleagues, especially students in need. Literacy Source is an organization she really is passionate about because it focuses on this type of student. Lia works hard to make sure everyone feels welcome and included in her classroom as well as in daily interactions. She is an amazing listener who always puts the needs of others first.

In addition to her work at Literacy Source, Lia is always willing to step up and support her colleagues and department at Cascadia College. She often volunteers to substitute teach or to assist another teacher in need, even if she is not going to be compensated. It is clear that she is kind and generous with her time and help. She is gracious and humble in acknowledging all that she does.

For all the reasons above, I am very excited to nominate Lia Preftes for this award.

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