

Make characters count when completing activities/achievements grid

Volunteer, Petz Count

Volunteer at pet adoption fairs.

Take photos at events.

Prepare and distribute flyers to advertise events.

Groom, walk, and play with dogs.

Donate dog treats.

Talk to kids and parents about responsible pet ownership.

183 characters (no spaces). 213 characters (with spaces).

Quick: Volunteered for local animal shelter.

Much better, but too long:

Bake 6 doz. dog treats weekly for donation to local animal shelter. Staff monthly adoption fairs. Utilize Photoshop & Illustrator to create eye-catching ad flyers.

163 characters (with spaces)

Final description:

Bake 6 doz. dog treats weekly for local animal shelter. Staff monthly adoption fairs. Use Photoshop & Illustrator to create eye-catching ad flyers.

147 characters (with spaces)

1st Place, County Fair Photo Contest

Awarded first place in student photography contest.

45 characters (no spaces). 51 characters (with spaces).

Quick: Awarded first place in student photography contest.

51 characters (with spaces)

More detailed, but too long:

Earned first place out of 245 entrants from San Diego County High Schools in photo contest black and white category. I took picture at girls' cross country state finals during rainstorm.

186 characters (with spaces)

Final version:

Earned 1st place in photo contest out of 245 entrants from San Diego County High Schools for black and white sports action shot.

128 characters (with spaces)

Editor, School District Literary Magazine

Published school district's first digital literary magazine, *Expressions*, containing original work by high school students.

Developed proposal for collaborative project among journalism programs at three high schools to create and distribute a digital magazine to show student creativity and expertise. Earned grant to cover costs.

Worked with staff that included student representatives from each high school, one advisor per high school, and a local community member who is a published author and retired college creative writing professor.

Worked with journalism teachers and newspaper/yearbook editors to solicit and select submissions from students.

Attended workshop to learn how to use publishing tool software. Lobbied for district to purchase software license so all schools have access.

797 characters (with spaces)

Quick: After two-year effort, published school district's first digital literary magazine featuring work by local high school students.

128 characters (with spaces)

More detailed, but too long:

Culminated 2-year project with publication of district's 1st digital magazine featuring selected works by 23 students, teachers and staff by volunteer staff of 9 students advised by teachers and published author, a retired college creative writing instructor.

259 characters (with spaces)

"Almost" final version:

Led 2-yr project to create, fund, publish, distribute 1st digital mag of original student work. Won \$1500 software grant and secured assistance of former college prof.

167 characters (with spaces)

Captain, varsity basketball and club basketball teams

Point guard Varsity 10-12, JV 9

1st Team All-CIF 11; League MVP 11; MVP 11; Most Improved 10; Student-Athlete Award 9-11

Lead required and optional practice sessions

Consult with coaches

Organize team pre-game dinners

State Finals 11; CIF Southern Section champ 11; League champs 9-11 + multiple tournaments

Elite travel team – SD Hoopsters (2x weekly practices + weekend games, 16 tournaments, won 4, All tournament team 3, MVP 2)

Showcases, tournaments, and clinics in 7 states plus Australia

Personal fundraising to cover expenses for playing in tournament in Australia

Private coach 9-12

[Suggestion: Separate HS and club sports, especially if you hope to play in college, because selection process, level of competition, and demands on time are usually quite different]

Final version:

Captain, HS Basketball team

Point guard, V 10-12, JV 9. State finals/CIF champ 11, league champ 9-11. 1st Team All-CIF 11/League MVP 11; Most Improved 10; Student-Athlete 9-11

148 characters (with spaces)

First version of club team listing - but too long:

Captain, Club Basketball team

Elite travel team (7 states + Australia) since gr 9; wkly practices/games/summer showcases, won 4 of 16 tourneys, All-tourney team 3, MVP 2). My GoFundMe campaign raised \$2200 to cover expenses for foreign tourney.

214 characters (with spaces)

Final version for club team listing:

Capt., Elite Club Basketball team 9-12

2x-wkly practice/games. Won 4 of 16 tourneys 7 states + Australia, All-Tourney 3, MVP 2. \$2200 GoFundMe campaign raised expenses for foreign tourney.

150 characters (with spaces)