Dear Children's Challenge Panel,

My name is Shawn Green and I'm the Science Specialist at Sycamore Ridge School, where West Stefani is a first-grade student. I've been working with him for the last two years and he is one of the most curious and passionate people I've ever met, including adults. I realized when he was in Kindergarten that his understanding of science concepts was well beyond his age. His broad base and deep understanding of science blows my mind on a daily basis. I love having conversations with West about different things related to science and I lose track of the fact that he's a first grader because of his depth of knowledge.

Every time I see West he's bubbling with excitement to tell me about his newest experiment or discovery, and I could talk to him for hours. It's clear to me that West is an exceptionally bright young man and he's going to solve some major problems in our world. My daughter, Ava, is in his first-grade class and she's convinced that West "is going to go to space one day" or come up with some kind of invention to "make the world a better place".

I'm impressed that West has his own YouTube channel and that he creates books related to different science concepts. It is with great honor that I nominate West Stefani for the Vic Kops Children's Challenge Award for science.

Sincerely,

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