

To whom it may concern,

My name is Kenneth D. Brown and I am an English and African-American Studies instructor at Sierra Vista High School. In my career, I have had several privileges that I couldn't have anticipated; including the privilege of instructing Ashton Mohler. My initial impression of Ashton was one of kindness...a trait which, for me, is the foundation of a decent human being. I need you to note my choice of words; I could have said nice but nice to me is performative kindness...the brand of kindness that expects something in return and that is decidedly not Ashton. Ashton is the kind of person who will give you all they have but is savvy enough to have put a little something away for themselves. Ashton is a sweet but confident soul who is still learning who he wants to be and how he would like to impact the world. Ashton is ready to start exploring more of himself and the world around him. He has grown by leaps and bounds since we met. Ashton is not the person with all of the answers; he is the person whose innate curiosity and work ethic will not allow him to rest until he has not only found those answers but has blazed a path for those around her to find their own. He is maturing into an excellent communicator who consistently seeks improvement. He has patience that is beyond his years and it shows in his ability to remain level-headed under pressure. Life has taught me never to be certain of any one thing but an exception to this rule is this young man's success. I hope you consider adding his chapter to your story...trust me, you will not regret it.