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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to recommend Porter Chastain for entrance into your program. Porter is one of my 11th grade English students at Hope Christian School. I require my English students not only to continually master their skills in writing, but also to develop critical thinking, perform in-depth analysis, and practice broad perspectives of evaluation. Porter works diligently as a student to grow in these areas. He is dedicated to his academic work and is a second-year member of the National Honors Society. He is disciplined in accepting rigorous challenges, staying on task, and meeting deadlines. He understands the importance of balancing his academic career with his extracurricular activities and is serious-minded in reaching a high standard in all that he pursues.


Porter has strong leadership skills. He is respected by his peers and recognizes the influence he has on those around him. He works well with other students and within groups and is supportive of his classmates and teammates. He has a clear sense of purpose and has established a solid sense of who he wants to be. Because of that, he is able to articulate his viewpoint with clarity and maturity. He is a young man of integrity, who takes responsibility for and pride in what he does. He takes direction well from an instructional standpoint, respects authority, and is very teachable and coachable.

I have had the privilege of knowing Porter both personally and professionally. He attends a summer camp where my husband and I work each year. I've watched him mature as a young man and grow in his convictions each year that he has attended camp. He is steadfast and faithful in his beliefs and respects the beliefs of those around him. He understands how to help build camaraderie and isn't afraid to get to know new people in new situations. He volunteers to help when it is needed and is dependable to follow through with tasks he is given. I have no doubt that he will be a productive member of any group or program in which he participates.

I thank you for your consideration in admitting Porter into your program. I have confidence that he is ready to meet the challenges set before him and will be an asset to the culture and vision of what you are building.

As you review his application, please feel free to contact me with any questions at 505-385-8850.

Sincerely,



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