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Greetings,

My name is Jordan Hanson, and I am an assistant professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy. I am recommending Elliott Bergerson for graduate studies at UCLA. Elliott is a driven physics major at Whittier College. I first met Elliott in the Fall of 2019 as his instructor for calculus-based physics. I was his instructor for both the introductory version of electromagnetism, and recently, for the upper-division version of electromagnetism based on vector-calculus.

Elliott is an excellent student and athlete. Elliott is a member of the water polo team, which won a national championship last year. Elliott is managing to major in physics and receives excellent marks, while at the same time play on a championship varsity sports team. I notice his intensity and diligence when applying himself to his studies.

In the calculus-based introduction to electromagnetism, I noticed a particular quality about Elliott that I'd like to highlight. There was another athlete who was struggling to understand the course material, and Elliott decided to help him pass the class. I have noticed that Elliott takes others into consideration this way. He was the leader of a youth group at his place of worship and has also served in student government.

Since the restrictions due to the pandemic have been in place, I have only interacted with Elliott via Zoom communication. However, this was to deliver course content in Electromagnetic Theory, our version of upper division electromagnetism. Elliott passed my class easily and gave an excellent final presentation. I believe he is qualified for graduate studies at UCLA and fully recommend him. I am an alumnus of UCI myself, and I believe Elliott will succeed in graduate school because he is a driven and diligent student.

Sincerely,

Jordan C. Hanson, PhD