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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to take this opportunity to recommend Clara Sanchez for admission to your school. Clara is a student in my Freshman Humanities class, and it is from that contact that this letter is penned.

Clara is a bright, articulate, caring, empathetic, and energetic young person, whose desire to succeed provides a solid foundation from which all other aspects of her life are guided. As a student Clara's work has shown intuitiveness and curiosity. Her willingness to explore other opinions and actively engage in discussions is evidenced by her proactive approach to learning. She has a gift to personalize the material being presented in class, and making relevant connections to the curriculum. Her ability to communicate her position concerning controversial topics has made her a key player in the class. Her academic average has been constant in the B range for the year. I know she has yet to tap her full potential, but I am confident that there is greatness within her.

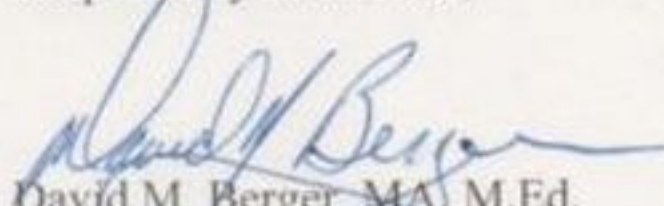
Clara's desire to help others became evident this year when the World Trade Center Towers were destroyed. Feeling a loss of autonomy and a sense of helplessness, the students in class wanted to do something to assert their positive impact on the world around them. Clara suggested that the class adopt a program called "Pay It Forward," whereby the students do random acts of kindness for neighbors and strangers. When the person for whom the act of kindness wants to repay it, the class would hand a card to the person requesting that they simply "Pay It Forward" to three other people. This program caught on, not only in class, but also for the entire school community of 2,500 students, through various volunteer and community service activities. Clara's drive and desire made the initiation of this program a success.

This has been a very trying and difficult year for Clara. Her father died during our spring vacation. This loss deeply impacted her and has caused her to look deep within her soul to find the answers to existential questions that few teenagers ever wrestle with. Though she is still sorting out her life from this tragedy, she continues to want to help others.

Clara has left an indelible mark on the students and staff here at Hunterdon Central Regional High School. I am confident that she will do the same wherever she continues her education. She will be missed in the hallways and classrooms. She has touched the hearts, minds, and souls of all whom are fortunate enough to cross her path.

I strongly recommend that you give Clara every consideration for admission to your school. If you require additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me at the aforementioned addresses and phone number.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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