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Dear Sterling Scholar Committee,

*It is a great pleasure to recommend Matthew Daw for your consideration as the Computer Technology Sterling Scholar. Matthew is an exceptional student and has a clear understanding of many difficult concepts in math, science, and of course, computer technology.*

*Matthew is currently in my AP Physics C: Mechanics class. While most students struggle with the math and concepts of AP physics, Matthew continues to prove high competency towards the material. He has received perfect scores on all of his tests so far, and he even gets my incredibly difficult bonus questions right. It is clear that he is able to understand and visualize difficult concepts on a higher level. We've also been able to have great discussions after class concerning everything from space-time warping to wondering if a penny dropped from the Empire State Building really could cause a dent in cement. He has a natural joy and excitement for learning.*

*Even though I am a physics teacher, my master's degree program is in computer science. Matthew and I often talk about the latest developments in technology and computer science. He has also shown me some examples of his work. I was quite impressed with some of the programs he had developed at his age, including some object-oriented ideas that I didn't even understand until I took CS 240 in college. Again, his higher-level thinking has helped him to continue to succeed in multiple areas.*

*Based on my experience with Matthew, I give him my highest recommendation. He is a great young man with the motivation, intelligence, and hard-working effort to achieve great things in his future. If you have any questions for me about Matthew, please feel free to contact me at [dhart@alpinedistrict.org](mailto:dhart@alpinedistrict.org).*

Sincerely,

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