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Reference Re: Aleksandr Zamarashkin

To whom it may concern

I got to know Aleksandr last year as his Physics 11 teacher, and I am currently teaching him Physics 12. Therefore, I feel that I know him quite well and can give an accurate assessment of his accomplishments and character.

Aleksandr excels in all his courses at school. Since he has been in high school, he has worked hard and has consistently achieved a grade of 90% or higher in nearly all his courses he has taken. In my Physics 12 class, he is an active participant. He actively seeks answers to difficult problems. He always volunteers answers, encourages others around him, and contributes to class discussions. He works exceptionally hard in physics. All homework and labs that are handed in are complete with attention to detail. His success in physics is demonstrated with an excellent average of 95% in Physics 11 last year, and this year, he is currently averaging 93%. He has won subject awards in Social Studies and English when he was in grade 9 and 11. His academic achievements were rewarded last year by receiving the "Top Scholar" award for grade 11. He is genuinely a pleasure to teach.

Aleksandr has worked hard to further his pursuit of excellence in the sciences. For example, he has participated in and has won NASA's Scientist for a Day contest, which involved a large amount of prior research and extensive writing abilities to formulate an essay which could rival the essays of thousands of other applicants to be chosen by a committee specifically handpicked by NASA. He has also competed in a number of Physics-based contests as well, such as the Michael Smith Challenge in Grade 10 and the Math and Physics Olympiads as well.

Aleksandr cares about his community. He has volunteered his time helping children learn to ride bikes in the summer with "Pedalheads" which is put on by the North Vancouver Recreation Commission. Through this, Aleksandr has learned leadership and responsibility and how to create a fun, positive learning environment so the children will be successful.

Overall, Aleksandr Zamarashkin is an exceptional young man. He is a very positive person that works hard at everything he does. Aleksandr demonstrates his passion for science with all his work he does participating in various science and math contests. He demonstrates leadership and his caring nature by participating in volunteering in the community. Although he keeps himself busy, he also maintains excellent grades in all his courses at school. Aleksandr's future involves pursuing a career in Physics and/or Astronomy. I have absolutely no hesitation in recommending Aleksandr for acceptance into your institution. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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