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To whom it may concern:

My name is Sarah Rana, and I teach at the Craig School of Business at Fresno State. I have had the pleasure of having Brian McGauley in my FIN120 and BA105W courses. When Brian approached me with his application for the CSU Trustees' Award for Outstanding Achievement, I was honored to write him a letter of recommendation.

Throughout the years that I have known Brian, he has been dedicated to his studies, work, and education. Specifically, I have witnessed Brian overcome significant adversities during the semester that would have halted some students' graduation success. However, Brian has always maintained determination and discipline despite his adversities.

Further, Brian always contributes to the classroom through meaningful conversations and sharing innovative new artificial intelligence (AI) technology that has been self-taught. His unique sense of ability to identify problems and find solutions is impeccable. Despite working full-time and being a student full-time, Brian maintains academic excellence throughout his courses.

Based on personal conversations with Brian, I am confident that the scholarship money would be used wisely. Brian plans to pursue a master's degree after completing his undergraduate degree at CSU, Fresno. Without a doubt, I would recommend Brian to be considered for this unique scholarship opportunity.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further questions.

Sincerely,

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