
Recommendation Letter for Luckas(Yinghong) Huang.

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It is my great pleasure to write a recommendation letter for Luckas (Yinghong) Huang. Before this semester I was not aware of Mr. Huang's interests, but now that I have worked very closely with him in a course titled "Digital Communications and Society" and I have observed his original research for an Honors Thesis, I feel quite confident in stating that Luckas is an exceptionally gifted student. Not only does he go far beyond the regular standards of a senior-level Honors student, he has extraordinary motivation and determination to learn as much as he can as an undergraduate, and soon-to-be a graduate student.

Luckas is one of those rare, but ideal students who every faculty member wants to have in their class. He sets the bar very highly for other students by always being prepared, having read material far beyond the basic requirements of the course, and bringing in exciting examples of material he has found elsewhere to share and deepen the learning experience for the whole class. His own Honors Thesis has introduced him to both qualitative and quantitative methodologies that address real-world social problems for the general public who use social media without understanding the political and economic consequences of such channels of communication. He is fascinated by the way misinformation travels and addresses certain populations, and he is well aware of generational differences that impact a community's general knowledge of major social issues.

Luckas gets genuinely excited by research and his very analytical mind is always engaged. His interpersonal skills may be difficult to assess because all classes are currently online, but I get the sense that he is a natural leader and an enthusiastic team member of any learning activity. When I learned of his interest in your program and I watched how excited he became as he told me of his aspirations, I thought to myself "this young man is going to go far in academia." I would not be surprised to learn that in the future, Luckas may go on for a Ph.D. I hope he does, because he's the type of exciting presence in a classroom that energizes other students. Because he finds learning fun, his enthusiasm is contagious.

I strongly believe the Luckas will be an outstanding candidate for your program. By all means, if you have any further questions I would be happy to be contacted about this exceptionally gifted young man.

Thank you for the opportunity to write on his behalf. He most certainly will not disappoint you.

Sincerely,

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