February 1, 2014 Recommendation for Anthony Kovacev

To Whom It May Concern:

Anthony Kovacev has proven himself as a consistent and hardworking student in my honors and AP Physics classes, and I am proud to recommend him to your undergraduate institution.

I first met Anthony last year in my physics honors class. I now have the pleasure of teaching him this year in my AP physics class. As the only Physics teacher at the high school, I have a firm understanding of the average student and am comfortable describing Anthony Kovacev as a very strong physics student with excellent mathematical ability; his skills and grades comfortably place him in the top 10% of my classes.

While Anthony did very well last year, earning some of the highest marks out of both sections of my honors class, his grades this year are not reflective of his ability level. I want to state this as strongly as possible. While his grades this year have been average, I have never had a student who was more engaged than Anthony. He sits among present and former valedictorians in terms of his understanding of the principles of physics, and has gone beyond every other student I have had in applying physics ideas.

For the past 2 years, Anthony has been coming to me with very interesting questions about physics after school. His questions are thoughtful and articulate. Furthermore, they are well researched. Whether he is thinking about electrical energy or or the shape of space-time, Anthony sought out resources to educate himself before coming to talk with me. I am very impressed by Anthony's independence, an attribute which will serve him well in a university setting.

A partial list of the topics Anthony has brought to me to discuss includes alternative energy sources, perpetual motion machines, generation of sound, special relativity, space-time curvature, expansion of the universe, and the speed of light in matter. Additionally, Anthony has conducted many small independent experiments at his home and after school in my classroom. Just one instance was when Anthony came to me earlier this year with a box of solar cells he had bought off of Amazon. After lending him a multimeter and a soldering iron he got started building a solar powered cell phone charger. No other student has shown this ambition.

It is truly a pleasure teaching Anthony and having him present in my class. I highly endorse Anthony Kovacev's candidacy for admission to your institution. He will make his presence known, and the school will benefit from it.

Sincerely,

Bryan Campbell