



GABRIELINO HIGH SCHOOL



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To Whom It May Concern:

I am delighted to offer my recommendation of Jason Kong as a candidate for undergraduate admissions. I have known Jason for the last two years and it is my distinct pleasure to offer an endorsement of his many qualifications on behalf of his school counselor who is currently on leave.

Jason has spearheaded two programs within the last two years that have had a substantial impact on our student body. In the fall of the unprecedented 2020-2021 school year, Jason and three of his peers founded the Gabrielino Tutoring Association, which played a significant role in supporting students who were struggling academically. Jason displayed impressive leadership in his ability to identify a need to support struggling students, create the initial design of the peer tutoring program, collaborate with teachers and school administration to ensure successful implementation, and continue to make necessary adjustments through examination of data.

In his sophomore year, when the school implemented an academic support program for students during a dedicated period in the school day, he independently identified areas that could be streamlined. In anticipation for a return to in-person instruction, Jason utilized his skills in computer science and his ability to creatively navigate the design process to create the e-Silver Slip program which digitized the request and permission process for student and teacher users. The work on both the peer tutoring and e-Silver Slip programs is ongoing and Jason has continued to meet with school administration to refine processes to ensure ease of use and to maximize impact. Jason continues to demonstrate tremendous foresight and his natural ability and love of creatively problem-solving has provided school administration with concrete products to improve the quality of academic support schoolwide.

Within four short years of high school, Jason has accumulated an impressive list of accomplishments that speak to his wide range of characteristics and skills. He is at the top of his class academically, he continues to serve as a leader for school organizations, and is an active volunteer for humanitarian organizations like Amnesty International. He is also a competitive swimmer, an accomplished pianist and cellist, and is someone who is in relentless pursuit of ways to stretch, grow, and apply his skills.

Throughout his life, Jason has successfully navigated the adversity of several international transitions and been able to overcome the loss and absence of close family members. His many accomplishments and the altruistic attitude with which he approaches life do not hint at these past hardships and instead, reflect a mature ability to face challenges and allow them to shape character.

Jason is one of the top students I have encountered in my career. He is thoughtful and proactive about the way he lives life and his earnest diligence in the pursuit of learning tells me that he will thrive wherever he lands. If you need additional information about his qualifications, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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