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To Whom It May Concern,

It has been a pleasure to teach Gavin Christensen. I've taught Gavin for two years, first in journalism during his junior year, and then this year in AP Language and Composition. He chose to challenge himself by joining the Running Start program for his senior year. Throughout my time with him, Gavin has constantly impressed me with his excitement about the material. He asks thoughtful questions and always strives to fully understand any subject. Every article Gavin wrote for our school newspaper was well thought out, full of personality, and thought-provoking. Gavin's dedication to education is apparent, he is not only focused on the acquisition of excellent grades but also in the pursuit of knowledge and understanding. Gavin is very curious and puts his all into anything that fascinates him, I am excited to see where his interests and excitement takes him.

Aside from his academic pursuits, Gavin also participates in a variety of activities. He has been a member of the music program at Sultan High School for all four years, participating in marching band, jazz band, and the pit crew for the musicals. Gavin never turns down an opportunity to try something new, and he works hard to make sure that he masters each piece of music. In addition to his own successes he makes sure to help his fellow musicians with humor and kindness. He has also done the sound and lighting for our school theater performances. He is an integral member of the music/theater program at SHS. Last year he and a friend decided to start a chess club, to do this they had to petition the school board, get signatures from the student population, and find a staff advisor. They were successful in this endeavor and built the club up to the flourishing state it is today. I sat in on one of the club meetings and I was delighted by what a welcoming, kind environment Gavin and his friend had created. They led the meeting with clarity and grace and made sure that any new members were getting the lessons they needed. Gavin still resides as the co-president. In every activity he does, he shows patience, compassion, and effective communication with his peers and with teachers.

Gavin is not positive in what he wants to do yet, but he is very interested in pursuing something in STEM. I have complete confidence that he will be an asset to any program, profession, or discipline that he chooses. Gavin's endless curiosity, combined with his dedication to any task he puts his mind to, leads me to believe that there will be no limit to his growth and achievements in college and beyond.

I highly recommend Gavin, without reservation. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Respectfully,

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