

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Jim Coykendall, and I am a Professor in the Department of Mathematical Sciences at Clemson University, and it is my pleasure to be able to write to you on behalf of Joshua (Graham) Moore who I would like to be considered for an undergraduate award.

I first met Graham last semester when he enrolled as a student in my Math 3190 (Introduction to Proof) course, and he was one of the very best that I had (in two very good classes). Graham scored among the highest in the class (or at the top) in all facets of the class, and he finished with the number two overall score in his section.

Graham is a quiet person, and his work was some of the most independent in the class. More than the vast majority of the students in my class, I believe that Graham's work was done in a bubble (and, in my view, this makes his performance in my class more impressive as the vast majority of the students benefited with working in groups and coming to me for hints). I do not wish to give the impression that Graham was isolated in class. He did visit my office on occasion, but only for very specific questions (that were always insightful and on point). I also know that he did work with a couple of students on occasion as well, but it appeared to me that Graham was the giver and not the receiver of the mathematical insights.

My impression of Graham is that he is one of the stronger students in his class and I would put him in well inside the top 10% of the students that I had in my two sections of Math 3190 last semester (and this is no faint praise as both of my sections had a number of strong students). Graham is one of the most promising students that I have met at Clemson and he is a very strong candidate for an undergraduate award.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,


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