



SETON LASALLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

In Faith and Charity

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Dear Trib Total Media Outstanding Young Citizen Award Committee:

Please accept this letter of recommendation for Benjamin Osterhaus. I have had the pleasure of being Ben's teacher for his Junior and Senior years, and have gotten to know him through many in-person conversations as well as through his written assignments. He also serves as an Ambassador at Seton LaSalle, which is a program I oversee. I highly recommend him to you.

The first few characteristics that come to mind when I think of Ben are that he is exceptionally respectful and polite, he has a presence and personality that brings calm and peace to people and situations, he is a leader in the classroom and in his activities, and he has a great sense of humor. You can see his impressive academic record and extraordinary leadership roles throughout his biography, so I will briefly share with you his other great gifts and strengths.

Ben is respectful and polite. He has a disposition of gratitude, and if there's a way to be considerate and thoughtful in any situation, Ben sees it and expresses appreciation through his words and actions.

Ben looks for ways to be helpful, and he's trustworthy and responsible. He always offers to assist others, and he does the work humbly, without any attention drawn to himself.

Ben has a sense of calm that radiates out of him. He thinks clearly and sees through things to discern what is important and needs action on his part and what is beyond his control of the moment. He doesn't get anxious about the unknowns of the future. He knows that it takes hard work to be successful, and he does his best work every day knowing that it will help him get closer to his goals.

Ben has a great sense of humor. He and his friends have spent a lot of time in my classroom, and in addition to all the other ways he's looked to as a leader, he's a leader socially as well. I've watched how everyone throws their thoughts and comments to Ben because they enjoy his funny and clever way of seeing things. He keeps people laughing and brings them closer together.

As a person, I can't speak highly enough of Ben. I respect and admire him and have many specific stories that demonstrate his character and leadership. Please contact me if you would like to discuss any details.

Thank you for your consideration.

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