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It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Nathan Delsanto. I taught Nathan during his sophomore year when he enrolled in Honors English 10, and during this time he demonstrated that he is highly capable of analyzing material, managing his time, and accepting criticism. He should also be commended for his communication skills and ability to collaborate with others. During Socratic Seminars, he not only contributed analytical and progressive ideas to our discussion, but he also showed consideration for others' beliefs and ideas, even when they differed from his own. While he always brought his own opinions to our discussion, he also encouraged others' voices by being open minded and kind.

Outside of the classroom, Nathan has a profound desire to help others. In addition to organizing NHS tutoring, facilitating Me to We, and assisting in running Stand Together, Nathan is also the president of Pet Pals, a club dedicated to advocating for the welfare of animals. As the advisor of this club, I have watched Nathan grow during his three years as a member, and our current success is due in large part to his involvement. Nathan has organized our district wide donation drive for the past three years, a huge undertaking that has resulted in thousands of dollars' worth of donations being collected for local rescues and shelters. He has even established the event as an annual tradition with the elementary school where classes can win a "date with a dog" for donating. The "date" includes bringing a therapy dog into the classroom and educating students on appropriate touch and pet.

More recently, Nathan has also been leading our Pet Pals Policy committee in an effort to combat the mental health crisis affecting our school. This committee is researching and writing a policy that would bring therapy dogs into the district. Last spring, he successfully proposed a pilot program to the school board, and Montour High School introduced therapy dogs in training last May. In January, Downtime with Dogs was added to the pilot. With the help of a canine assistant, Nathan facilitates weekly sessions that teach breathing exercises and relaxation strategies to lessen anxiety.

Nathan truly is an outstanding person. He is a positive influence on everyone around him, and he uses his intelligence and kindness to improve the lives of others. His polite and amiable nature make him easy to work with, and I am honored to have taught such an outstanding student who truly strives for the well-being of others before himself.

Sincerely,

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