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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Ms. Emma Toman to you for consideration for your program. I had the pleasure of knowing and working with Emma throughout her sophomore and junior year as part of my Honors Chemistry and then my AP Physics C class and eventually as part of Science Club.

Early on in her sophomore year it was evident to me that Emma has an extreme gift for science and math. From the start she was able to pick up on concepts in Chemistry and then in Physics that other students were struggling to understand. She also was insightful and would make connections to material not yet covered. In addition to her natural gifts, her work ethic goes beyond most of the dedicated students in her class. This work ethic helps her to excel even on topics that at first gave her some difficulties. Emma exhibited great resilience in being able to listen to constructive criticism and overcome any difficulties she would encounter. In addition to taking suggestions I would make or a peer, Emma was also very self-reflective. She would look at her own work and would always look for ways she could improve. Equally as impressive as her own desire to learn was her desire to help others. Emma worked well with a variety of groups of students in the class and was always eager to explain his ideas and work to others.

While academics is a huge focus for Emma, he also participates in many after school activities which has helped her to develop in a very unique and well-rounded individual. I believe it was the dedication to those activities and the interactions with her peers that has helped her to be so successful. With her dedicated nature to her activities, she stepped up last year last minute when other students backed out of a competition for science club. Even with very little notice, she gave it her all and with her partner was able to place in the top three out of 42 other groups.

Whether in my class, helping with various clubs throughout the school, in the community or in other classes, Emma truly stands out from her peers. I would easily rank Emma in the top 5% of students I have taught. She works hard to reach her goals and to become the well-rounded individual she today. His many talents, achievements, work ethic and great desire for learning would be a great addition to your program. It is a pleasure to recommend Ms. Emma Toman to you. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have and can be reached at 412-885-7500.

Sincerely,



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