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To: Scholarship Committee
From: Shawn T. Welsh (Physics Teacher)
Re: Isabella Gayoso

Isabella Gayoso has been a student of mine for the last two years. Izzy is an extremely enthusiastic young woman and it has been an absolute pleasure to work with her through the last two years. During her sophomore year she was part of my Honors Physics class and in her junior year she was enrolled in the College in High School Physics program. This is a calculus-based physics/engineering course in which Izzy earned four credits from the University of Pittsburgh. Izzy is among the top students in her class and her academic achievements speak for themselves. She immediately understands new concepts as they are explained, and rarely needs extra instruction to gain mastery of physics concepts. Izzy has received many academic awards and honors during her tenure here at Moon Area High School. These honors include being named to the National Honor Society, becoming a qualifier for the National Academic Games, earning High Honors for every marking period grades nine through present, and placing in numerous academic competitions through the Moon Area School District Gifted program. This is truly an amazing young woman.

Izzy has proven herself as a leader in our school. She has demonstrated her leadership as the Vice President of the Key club and as the coordinator and teacher of an introductory Spanish program at the Moon Area Library. Izzy also participates in the Speech and Debate club, Academic Games, Future Medical Professional club, Future Leaders club, Calc-u-solve, and numerous band ensembles. As a member of the cross-country team, Izzy has shown that she can compete in a highly competitive sport and still achieve academic excellence. Outside of school, she shows her dedication to her church and community by volunteering as a Kidz Kamp Counselor in her local parish, at a nursing care facility, at the local community park and numerous Key Club opportunities. With all of these activities Izzy somehow manages to hold down a part time job. One rarely finds a high school junior who can handle this level of activity and still maintain academic excellence.

It is without reservation that I recommend Isabella Gayoso for admittance into your program. I feel that she is an outstanding candidate and I know that she represent your organization quite well.

Sincerely,

Shawn T. Welsh