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Dear Scholarship Selection Committee:

I am blessed with a son who is "differently abled", a wonderful and beautiful young man with Down Syndrome. When my son, Daniel was born, I was apprehensive that he would have no one to befriend him, no one with whom to bond. I worried needlessly when Daniel met Mac and the other young men who played on the Thomas Jefferson High School Football team. Not only did Daniel become a friend to Mac, he found a brother. The integrity displayed by Mac is evident in the manner in which he interacts with my son. Mac treats Daniel with dignity, respect and as a valued member of the team.

Having had the opportunity to substitute at the high school, I have been fortunate to have Mac in class. The integrity displayed by Mac is evident in his comportment and bearing. His behavior is that of a respectful gentleman with impeccable manners.

As further evidenced by his outstanding grades and unselfish community service, Mac exhibits the qualities necessary for great achievement. The attributes displayed by Mac and that I have observed will successfully propel him throughout life for a brilliant future.

I am honored and proud to know Mac and to call him Daniel's 'brother'.



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