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RECOMMENDATION FOR: Miss Megan O'Brien

RECOMMENDATION BY: Mrs. Cheryl Harper, AP Physics Instructor and National Honor Society Adviser

Throughout the past two years, I have had the opportunity to work with Miss Megan O'Brien as her National Honor Society and Senior Project adviser as well as her instructor of AP Physics 2 and Kennametal Young Engineering Program. Throughout my 31 years of physics instruction, I have had the opportunity to work with many involved, talented and personable students. I have no reservations when saying that Megan is one of the very best.

Megan has focused herself on a rigorous and well-rounded academic schedule of courses and has maintained a perfect 4.0 GPA. Her academic work is consistently thorough and accurate because she takes the time to work through problems in an organized, logical manner. She does not merely memorize the material, but takes a strong interest in understanding. Because of this, she retains the information presented to her and can apply her knowledge in an innovative manner. Megan's critical and analytical abilities as well as her high expectations for herself enable her to work well on her own and in groups, and she does invite constructive criticism from both her peers and her teachers. As a member of the Engineering team, she consistently motivated and strengthened her team with her knowledge-base, focus, and commitment.

When I consider Megan's character, I think of her commitment and reliability. When she becomes involved in a project, course, or any other endeavor, she does her very best. Megan is involved in school activities such as National Honor Society, Interact, and the Greensburg Salem Volleyball team. In each, she holds leadership roles. As a member of the National Honor Society executive committee, she exemplifies the qualifications of character, scholarship, leadership, and service, as Interact's president, she has organized and participated in many community-service events, and as the volleyball team's varsity captain, she has mentored younger team members. Outside of school, she was a participant in the University of Dayton Women in Engineering summer camp. In addition to her academic work and many volunteer hours, she also holds a part-time job. Megan's hard work and diligence have not only provided a strong basis for her future career but have also inspired other students to follow her lead.

Megan is motivated rather than discouraged by challenges. I have never heard her say "I can't" or "I won't" and she effectively balances her academic work with her many activities. She is always willing to try and is enthusiastic about learning. Her compassionate nature, initiative and ability make her a joy to have in class. I am sure that her qualities will enable her to be a lifelong learner and succeed in her future challenges.

Sincerely,

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