



I am writing on behalf of Marcus Stevens, a very gifted and dedicated student athlete at Central Catholic. I have known Marcus since his freshman year and he has always been friendly, outgoing, and personable. We have continued to build a strong working relationship over the last three years. Marcus has consistently challenged himself in a demanding college preparatory program at Central Catholic, as indicated by his enrollment and success in numerous honors classes and AP classes. His drive and work ethic are contagious among his peers and teammates. He continues to be one of the most determined and self-motivated students that I have had the pleasure of working with. It is my hope that I can portray Marcus in the highly regarded manner that he deserves.

I have the pleasure of knowing Marcus in two different capacities. I am Marcus' School Counselor and I also know him through our ice hockey program as I was his JV coach for three years. I believe that when we have the ability to see our students in their natural setting and environment, we learn a lot more about them. While coaching Marcus, he continuously demonstrated leadership, passion, and a unique ability to communicate with coaches and peers. He was one of the best leaders that I've ever coached. In addition, Marcus is self-reliant, self-sufficient, and very independent for his age. He has a huge heart and would do absolutely anything for anyone, he is truly a special young man.

Along with playing in a demanding hockey program, Marcus is involved in numerous extracurricular activities and is one of our top volunteers ever. For example, at Central Catholic he is an appointed member of the My Brother's Keeper Program. This is a group of senior students who help incoming freshman adjust and transition to Central Catholic. He also assists during open houses, parent nights, Viking for a day, and freshman orientation (must be approved for all).

In addition, he is a member of our National Honor Society which is a prestigious membership and recognition at Central Catholic. The guidelines for eligibility include a 4.5 GPA, an exceptional school record, along with a previous demonstration of leadership, service, and character. He has volunteered countless hours at Central Catholic and in his local community. His ability to connect with people and lead others is exemplified by him being the President of Student Council. He is always present during non-school days to help lead and facilitate whatever program is going on. Simply put, Marcus is just a remarkable young man. He will truly be missed at Central Catholic.

Needless to say, Marcus is very well-liked and respected among faculty, coaches, and his peers. Despite having a full schedule with hockey, extracurricular activities, and volunteering, he has been able to maintain a very impressive academic standing. Marcus' perseverance, attainment, and persistence are one of a kind. I am very proud of this young man for his hard work and dedication, both in and out of the classroom. Marcus has demonstrated responsibility and accountability over the past three years and will undoubtedly be very successful at any college or university. He will make an immediate impact on campus and in the community. If admitted, he will absolutely be one of your best!

In summary, a natural leader who is motivated, dedicated, and conscientious, Marcus possesses all of the characteristics and qualities needed to be successful at the collegiate level. As an exceptional student athlete and volunteer, he possesses an outstanding work ethic and inner drive that will serve him well in all that he endeavors. A unique and intelligent young man, Marcus knows how to achieve personal success and will undoubtedly continue to strive and flourish. Without hesitation and with great confidence, it is my pleasure to highly recommend Marcus Stevens for your serious consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

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