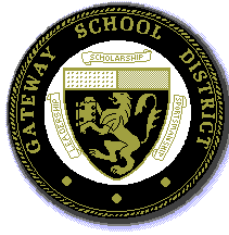


## Gateway Senior High School

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great confidence that I recommend Hailey Kopp for admission to your institution. I have known Hailey for the past three years as a Social Studies teacher, the Gateway National Honor Society advisor, and the Gateway Interact sponsor. Gateway Interact is a community service based club that is sponsored by Rotary International.

Throughout my extensive experience with Hailey, she has been a wonderful student and person. Her commitment to her education is excellent. Hailey was a student in my tenth grade honors world history course that displayed exceptional written work and contributed to classroom discussions. The Gateway Senior High School Social Studies curriculum is a history-based study of the United States and the world. This challenging curriculum is based upon a thematic approach and exposes the students to an in-depth analysis of historical issues and events. The honors level is the highest academic level in our department, and Hailey was always able to meet the challenge. Her creativity revealed strong critical thinking skills and the ability to synthesize a variety of historical information. As recognition of her academic integrity and excellence, Hailey was selected to be a member of the Gateway Chapter of the National Honor Society. Hailey truly reflects the four pillars of the National Honor Society – character, scholarship, leadership and service. Her organizational and leadership skills are clearly displayed through this position. A great example of her commitment to service has been her membership in the Gateway Interact Club; Hailey has been a member of the club for three years and has participated in many different service projects and activities. She is someone I can always count on to give of herself and her talents. She is selfless and committed to improving her school and community. I can honestly say that Hailey is one of the most compassionate, selfless, and caring people I have ever met. She has never hesitated to volunteer when asked and her manner is always pleasant. I simply cannot say enough about her commitment to service. She has done over several hundred hours of service in her high school career and it has always amazes how she continues to serve. I also have to say that her service has no underlying motive other than her desire to help others. I am sure that many of the letters you read focus on the academic excellence of the student, which is quite appropriate in Hailey's case, however, I knew this letter had to go beyond the norm.

Due to my extensive experience with Hailey, I strongly recommend her for admission to your institution. I am fully confident that her commitment to service, intelligence, and maturity will bring her great success and allow her to become a vital and contributing member to your school's community. I have absolutely no reservations with this recommendation. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me for further information.

Sincerely,

Shawn R. Whelan

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