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To Whom It May Concern:

For the past three years, I have worked closely with Calista Dosch as a student in my English classes: 10th grade Gifted Honors, Creative Writing, and Literary Studies. Calista is an extremely intellectual student who takes pride in her hard work and dedication to her academic subjects. She is a driven student who always goes above and beyond the requirements. She enriches her papers, projects, and assignments with logic and insight. She is a deep thinker who challenges her instructors and asks many questions to acquire more information.

During her sophomore year, Calista was an active contributor to class. She was always willing to participate and embraced the subject area of English. She is an extremely talented writer with a strong ability to interpret and analyze literature. She worked well with others and shined in the group setting based on her communication and leadership skills. I am the teacher who plans the YSU English Festival field trip and more recently, the Butler County Reading Competition hosted at Seneca Valley High School. Calista fully participates in these extra-curricular English activities and stands out as both a reader and a leader.

In Creative Writing II (an independent study course) this year, her ability to take current worldly content and present it in poetic and dramatic form is her trademark. She constantly impresses me with her ability to express her thoughts through writing, both critically and creatively. Her writing skills are improving with every assignment and I believe that these skills will help her to achieve her future goals. Her most recent assignment was both poetically and artistically expressive; she created poems, but added stains (coffee and tears) to contribute to the elements of imagery and mood for the reader.

Her leadership in the building and drive in all areas create a dynamic combination for success. Besides her academic course load, Calista is extremely busy with school activities, including, but not limited to class cabinet, concert band, marching band, LEO club, and student council. She has been elected to many leadership roles within these clubs. Not only does she participate fully in her school life, but she also works a part time job and is actively involved in her church family.

In conclusion, I strongly recommend Calista Dosch for admission into your institution, if not for her strong academic abilities, then definitely for her hard-working mentality and impressive writing skills. She is intrinsically motivated to do well in any task that she is given. Calista possesses the character traits the will lead to a very successful future. I would be happy to answer any questions about Calista’s ability or character should they arise. Please contact me at [ekidder@asd.k12.pa.us](mailto:ekidder@asd.k12.pa.us) or (724) 548-7600. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

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