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To Whom It May Concern:

I am very pleased to recommend Daevan Mangalmurti for admission to your scholarship program. As his current mathematics instructor in an International Baccalaureate Calculus 2 Higher level course, previous teacher in IB Calculus, and as the advisor for the Math league, I have been able to witness this young man’s talent, passion, perseverance, work ethic, and dedication.

Daevan is an intelligent, humorous, energetic, polite, determined and genuinely well-rounded individual. His grades are superior in all his courses. He is a member of the Math league and has been a top contributor. He is also an essential contributor to the school environment in a number of impressive ways, including being the founder of the Obama speaker series, the co-founder of a shadowing program and the Purple Eagles ventures program, serving as an editor of the school newspaper, being an officer in the Youth and Government club, the junior class treasurer, as well as a number of others. He also finds time to be an exceptional student, demonstrated by his superior grades and challenging coursework in and out of the formal school day. He is also active in several volunteer and service activities in his community. He is truly a motivated and impressive young man that is extremely talented, dedicated, and passionate. I’m not sure that this school would run as well as it does without him, and he will truly be missed after his graduation because he is an integral part of this community.

Daevan is an excellent student of mathematics. He has the creativity necessary to solve novel problems and gain a deep understanding of mathematics and the underlying connections. He is consistently one of the top individual scores during math league competitions, and in the classroom. Daevan is a particularly determined individual and truly enjoys learning and discussion. One of the highest praises that I can give a student is that they actively seek out knowledge due to a love of learning, and I truly believe that he is one of these students. He is always excited to discuss mathematics and problems that go beyond the scope of the syllabus and has shown a desire to learn challenging math outside of the curriculum. This is evidenced by his passion for strong policies and change. His individual exploration, an independent research paper in mathematics focused on the Health of Indigenous population of America, specifically t-tests to compare the health of Tenochtitlan and Huron tribes. Specifically, this was interrelated with his topic for IB history of the Americas. Without going into too much detail, his paper was excellent. Achieving a perfect 7 on the IB scale. His research, mathematics, and reflection were superior for a student doing novel research, and math that he had not done before. There are numerous examples of what sets Daevan apart from his peers, but I believe this is just one example of his character and talent. He is motivated to achieve where other students are afraid and apprehensive. He will tackle a problem through research and action. He not only volunteers to help when there is a need, but his help is thoughtful, planned, and effective. This is what makes him extraordinary, being able to lead and help in the most effective way possible. Throughout the years I have known Daevan, he is researching mathematics outside of the curriculum to be able to ask questions that seek deeper understanding, and connections. He has demonstrated a tremendous talent in the area of mathematics. I have also had several engaging conversations with this young man about politics, education policy, politics, and many other topics. I have always found him to be polite, articulate, extremely thoughtful, and quite mature for his age. He is well respected by the entire faculty, and well like by all his peers.

It has been a tremendous pleasure to be his teacher, and any program that he participates in will surely benefit from his inclusion. He is a young man who possesses a superior intellect and pairs it with a superior work ethic.

Daevan Mangalmurti is an exceptional candidate and one that would contribute greatly to your program, and serve as a tremendous representative. I wholeheartedly recommend him, and I know that with his intelligence, talents, work ethic, determination, and passion that he will be successful in all future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Douglas Miller

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