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NICHOLAS SCHLIERF, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

To whom it may concern,

It is my pleasure to write a letter of recommendation for Jared Reef who is an applicant for admission to your college or university. Jared is a hard working and sincere young man who showed significant growth as both a student and an individual in my social studies section of American Studies. American Studies is an interdisciplinary project based class that fulfills English and US History requirement for 11th grade students. Jared took the class for honors credit.

Jared shared with me that at the beginning of the year, he was shy and stayed quiet, because he was nervous to answer questions incorrectly. Furthermore, the class deals with many controversial topics (race, immigration, etc) and, as a result, Jared admitted that at first he also felt uneasy about giving his opinion on certain topics. However, by the middle of the year he really hit his stride. After listening intently to his fellow classmates in socratic seminars and class discussions, he evolved into a more a confident and extroverted student who was more comfortable with speaking in class. As his confidence developed he did not leave behind any of his already admirable qualities. He was respectful of his classmates and worked well with any group.

The academic work he did in the class improved over time as well. He took careful effort to integrate my feedback into his essays and became a more nuanced and analytical writing as the year progressed. His work on both the midyear and final projects showcased his ability to be creative and synthesize course themes and content. For his midyear project, he and another student created an American Studies Theme Park that was both clever and insightful.

Jared has grown tremendously this year. He is reflective about the work that he has done and has come to understand and internalize the habits of a successful student. Jared has demonstrated the ability to be an engaged student athlete through his dedication to his studies as well as his golf and baseball pursuits. He is an honest and hardworking young man with an easy-going attitude that make him a pleasure to teach. I have no doubt that he will continue to grow intellectually and academically in the coming years and be a meaningful contributor to any college or university.

Sincerely, Jill Stevens Sharon High School Social Studies