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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to recommend Parker Knopf for your consideration. I taught Parker AP Physics 1 and AP Physics 2 in successive years at Norco High School. His intelligence, hard work, and collaborative skills predict great success for his academic prospects beyond high school. I highly recommend Parker as a student with bright promise.

I will first speak about Parker's academic abilities. In the classroom, he is comfortable in both presenting his ideas to others, and in listening carefully and thoughtfully to other viewpoints. He has exceeded expectations on lengthy independent projects, including constructing a boat out of paper and wood to race across our school's pool. In addition, he has demonstrated leadership skills during collaborative class project work. Parker's critical thinking skills, thoughtful contributions, and ability to synthesize multiple disparate pieces of evidence demonstrate his excellent academic potential.

Parker has done well in many advanced courses during high school, excelling in all academic disciplines. For example, this year he has been successful in four AP classes. This commitment to academic excellence continued while he was in my classroom. Parker was consistently my top performing student academically. Parker's thinking is characterized by careful and deliberate contemplation, coupled with a complete determination to find a solution, no matter what the obstacles. He has rare academic potential, and I would rank him in the top handful of students I have taught in my career.

Parker is well known for his good humor, athleticism, and leadership abilities. As a result, he is a widely respected member of our high school community. Parker was a member of the high school water polo team for four years. He distinguished himself by taking a leadership role during his four years in our Design & Manufacturing Tech class. He has also held a number of leadership positions including president of the Science Club, president and founder of Norco's chapter of SkillsUSA, and president of the California Scholarship Federation Club. In addition to the offices he has held, Parker has also played key leadership roles in our school's ASB and on our water polo team.

Finally, Parker is an intelligent, kind, and highly driven person. He is eager to learn about our world and his place in it. He has been very consistent over the time I have known him in expressing his desire to pursue a career in mechanical engineering. Parker is one of the hardest working students I have ever had the pleasure to encounter. Based on his performance in high school, and in my class specifically, I highly recommend him for your consideration. I have full confidence that he will excel socially and academically at your institution. I cannot recommend him enough.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Williams
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