Dear Admissions Committee,

It is my pleasure to recommend Ashley, who I taught in my 11th grade algebra class. Ashley demonstrated tremendous effort and growth throughout the year and brought a great energy to class. She has that combination of a positive attitude and the belief that she can always improve that’s rare in a high school student, but so essential to the learning process. I am confident that he will continue to display the same commitment and diligence in everything she does. I highly recommend Ashley for admission for your school.

Ashley would not describe herself as a math person. She’s told me on several occasions that all the numbers and variables make her mind go fuzzy. Ashley did, in fact, struggle to comprehend the material at the beginning of the year, but her response to this is what really struck me. Where so many others have given up, Ashley took on this class as a welcome challenge. She stayed after school for extra help, and asked questions in and out of class. Due to tall her hard work, Ashley not only raised her grades, but also inspired some of her classmates to stay after for extra help, as well, Ashley truly demonstrated a growth mindset, and she inspired her peers to adopt that valuable perspective, too. Ashley helped contribute to our classroom environment as one where all students can feel supported and able to ask questions.

Ashley’s strong belief in her ability to acquire new skills and improve through practice was likely shaped by her years as a volleyball player. She played all through high school and is one of the team’s most valuable players. In her final for our class, Ashley designed an impressive project calculating and analyzing spiking averages. Ashley is a trustworthy, reliable, good- humored student and a friend who supports others in and out of the classroom. She was a pleasure to have in class, and her positive attitude and belief in her, even in the face of difficulty, is an immensely admirable asset. I’m confident that she will continue to demonstrate the same diligence, perseverance, and optimism that she showed me and her peers.

Sincerely,

Mr. Roehm

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