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Dear Scholarship Committee,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter in strong support of Alex Soman for Scholarship. I have known Alex for the past four years and have had the privilege of teaching him in AP Calculus BC, AP Calculus AB, and Integrated Mathematics from 2022 to 2025. Throughout that time, Alex has distinguished himself as an exceptional student who perseveres through challenging problems with maturity, focus, and determination. He is intelligent, highly analytical, a fast and independent learner, and truly one of the most outstanding mathematics students I have taught.

Alex has pursued a rigorous and demanding course load in advanced STEM subjects and has consistently demonstrated a sincere commitment to deepening his knowledge of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. He is highly self-driven and self-motivated, and this inner discipline is evident in the care, consistency, and excellence he brings to his academic work. His dedication to learning sets him apart as a student who is not only capable of success in college, but eager to embrace its challenges.

Alex is an independent learner who takes initiative in his education. He actively seeks out additional resources, considers multiple perspectives, and engages in self-directed study to deepen his understanding of complex concepts. He has repeatedly demonstrated creativity and flexibility in finding different methods to solve difficult problems, and he approaches complex tasks with confidence and curiosity. In recognition of his excellence, Alex was chosen as the best mathematics student in the graduating class of 2026, an honor that reflects both his achievement and the respect he has earned from the mathematics faculty.

In addition to his academic excellence, Alex has an impeccable work ethic and a genuine love of mathematics and science. He is disciplined, mentally strong, and able to manage academic pressure with resilience and composure. He also collaborates effectively with peers, values diverse viewpoints, and contributes thoughtfully in group settings.

Alex brings together exceptional academic ability, intellectual curiosity, independence, creativity, and character. He is well-liked and respected by both peers and faculty, and he carries himself with humility, good humor, and respect for others. I am confident that he will make the most of the opportunities afforded by higher education and will continue to excel in a demanding college environment. For these reasons, I recommend Alex Soman without reservation for Scholarship.

If you have any questions or need more information, do not hesitate to contact me at the above address and phone number or email rvisvanathan@cuhsd.org

Sincerely

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