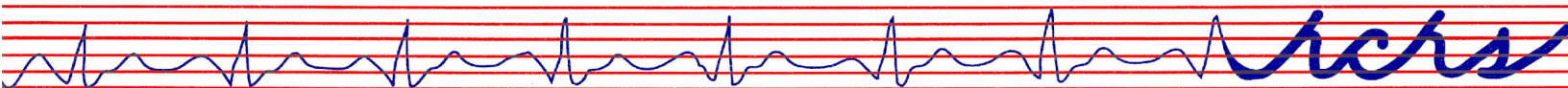


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To Whom It May Concern:

I had the pleasure of having Darshan Sathish Kumar as a student in my Advanced PreCalculus Dual for 2022/2023 school year, AP Calculus AB Dual class for 2023/2024 school year and in AP Calculus BC Dual class for 2024/2025 school year at Health Careers High School. Watching his development across those years has been a rewarding experience. Darshan is not a student who is satisfied with mastering procedures alone. From early on, he showed a deep need to understand why a method works and whether it still holds when conditions change. As his coursework became more advanced, that instinct only sharpened. In Calculus, he regularly reframed problems to expose hidden assumptions, asked questions that clarified the structure of an argument, and pushed beyond what was required to test the limits of an idea.

What distinguishes Darshan even more is his growth. The student I taught in ninth grade was strong and curious. By eleventh grade, he had become very independent and precise thinker. He learned how to sit with uncertainty, test edge cases, and revise his thinking without frustration.

Darshan also has an exceptional ability to communicate mathematical ideas. He frequently helped classmates who were struggling, not by giving them answers, but by breaking concepts down step by step until the logic became clear. He listens carefully, notices where confusion begins, and adjusts his explanations accordingly. His patience and clarity made him a natural peer mentor in my classroom.

Technology has been an innovative and meaningful part of Darshan's learning. He regularly used programming, graphing, and data visualization to explore concepts more deeply and to validate reasoning. Rather than treating technology as a shortcut, he used it as a tool for testing ideas and identifying errors.

I am not teaching Darshan in his senior year, but I know he is currently pursuing MITx Multivariable Calculus independently, which is entirely consistent with the kind of student he is. He does not wait for opportunities to be assigned. He seeks them out and follows through.

Darshan is thoughtful, disciplined, and genuinely motivated to use his skills in ways that matter.

Respectfully,  
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