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To Whom It May Concern,

It is a distinct pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Ms. Jalia Blocker. Having had the pleasure of teaching and working with Jalia over the last year, I can confidently state that she is one of the most proactive, disciplined, and community-minded students I have had the privilege to work with.

Jalia's most striking attribute is her entrepreneurial spirit. While most students are focused solely on their coursework, Jalia founded and incorporated Open Studio Club (OSC), a student-led nonprofit. This wasn't just a hobby; she navigated the complexities of Articles of Incorporation, drafted bylaws, and managed cross-functional teams of volunteers and professionals. Her ability to translate a vision for mental health awareness into a functional organization speaks volumes about her maturity and executive potential. Beyond her technical skills, Jalia possesses a rare and infectious confidence. She is instantly recognizable by her signature "pink flair"—from her wardrobe to her hair—a choice that reflects her vibrant personality and her refusal to blend into the background. In a professional world that often leans toward the mundane, Jalia's bold aesthetic serves as a visual representation of her creativity and her courage to be authentically herself. This self-assurance translates into her work as a public speaker and poet, where she commands the room with both her message and her presence.

In addition, Jalia's academic record is equally formidable. Maintaining a 4.22 GPA is difficult under any circumstances, but Jalia achieved this while accelerating her studies to graduate a full year early. This demonstrates a high level of self-discipline and an ability to master complex material at an accelerated pace—skills that will undoubtedly lead to her success in a rigorous university environment.

Beyond the classroom and her nonprofit work, Jalia has demonstrated a "real-world" work ethic as a Front Desk Representative at South Charlotte Dermatology. Handling HIPAA compliance, insurance verification, and patient scheduling requires a level of detail-orientation and discretion rarely seen in high school students. Furthermore, her involvement in the National Honor Society and her work as a Public Speaker and Poet highlight her ability to communicate with empathy and influence.

Jalia is a rare combination of a high-achieving scholar and a compassionate community leader. She does not just join organizations; she builds and improves them. I have no doubt that she will bring that same level of dedication and innovation to any endeavor she so chooses.

I recommend Ms. Jalia Blocker without reservation. Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

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