



# The School at Marygrove

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To Whom It May Concern,

It is my absolute pleasure to recommend Leon Pryor, one of the most intelligent, composed, and gifted students I have ever had the privilege of teaching. I taught Leon in both Earth Science and AP Environmental Science, and I can say with full confidence that he is a once-in-a-generation student—an academic mind of extraordinary depth, precision, and creativity.

Leon approached my classes with an effortless mastery of complex material, a level of comprehension that often surpassed expectations for even the most advanced learners. He earned a score of 5 on the AP Environmental Science exam, but that number alone doesn't fully represent his command of the subject. His analytical thinking, curiosity about the natural world, and ability to draw meaningful connections between science and technology made him an intellectual leader in the classroom. He never sought attention, yet his quiet confidence and consistent excellence inspired those around him to raise their own standards.

Leon's achievements extend far beyond the classroom. With a 4.05 weighted GPA, a 1440 SAT, and dual enrollment coursework at Wayne State University, the University of Detroit Mercy, and even Carnegie Mellon University, Leon has proven himself more than ready for the rigor of elite collegiate study. His advanced coursework in Mechatronics Systems, Engineering Computing, and Nanotechnology showcases not just academic preparation but a genuine love for learning at the intersection of science, engineering, and innovation.

What makes Leon exceptional, however, is not just his intellect—it's his purpose. His goal of pursuing robotics or computer engineering with the intent to develop technology that mitigates the climate crisis speaks to his sense of responsibility and foresight. Leon sees science not as an abstract pursuit, but as a powerful tool for solving real-world problems.

Leon's leadership and technical skill are most visible in his commitment to FIRST Robotics, where he serves as Programming Lead, Driver Coach, and Captain. His work on the team embodies both precision and mentorship—he not only programs complex systems and guides competition strategy but also coaches and develops his teammates. That level of maturity, technical expertise, and collaboration is rare in high school students. His 150+ hours volunteering with the Motor City Alliance, supporting younger robotics teams and serving as a field technical advisor, demonstrate his generosity with his knowledge and his investment in the success of others.

Leon is also a member of the National Honor Society, where he models scholarship, leadership, service, and character in everything he does. His humility, patience, and quiet humor balance his intellectual rigor, making him both respected and well-liked by peers and staff alike. Leon Pryor is, quite simply, a genius—one grounded in character and driven by curiosity. He is the kind of student who not only succeeds in demanding environments but transforms them.

Sincerely,

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