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RE: Makaio Cato - Referral

To Whom It May Concern,

It is my honor to recommend Makaio Cato. Makaio is an exceptional young man whose intelligence, discipline, leadership, and character consistently stand out both inside and outside of the classroom.

Makaio possesses a rare combination of academic strength and humility. He is deeply curious about how things work and has a natural ability to solve problems thoughtfully and creatively. His passion for math, engineering, robotics, and physics is evident not only through his coursework, including AP Calculus and AP Physics, but also through the way he approaches challenges with persistence and determination. He does not shy away from difficult problems; instead, he leans into them with focus and maturity.

What makes Makaio especially impressive is that his accomplishments extend far beyond academics. He is actively involved in robotics, chess, soccer, wrestling, martial arts, piano, and mock trial, demonstrating both versatility and commitment. Despite maintaining a rigorous schedule, he continues to serve others with excellence and integrity.

Makaio has served as a Math Corps tutor, helping younger students strengthen their confidence and abilities in mathematics. He has also worked as a camp counselor at Keys 2 Life Performing Arts Camp and serves faithfully within the Cave of Adullam Martial Arts program for boys. In each of these roles, he demonstrates patience, leadership, and a sincere desire to positively impact those around him. Younger students naturally respect him because he leads by example.

Beyond his achievements, Makaio's character is what truly distinguishes him. He is respectful, dependable, teachable, and emotionally grounded. He carries himself with maturity well beyond his years while remaining approachable and kind. He is the type of young man who quietly elevates the environment around him through his consistency, work ethic, and integrity.

I am confident that Makaio will continue to excel as he pursues engineering and future leadership opportunities. He has both the intellectual capability and the personal character necessary to make meaningful contributions to society. More importantly, he possesses the heart, discipline, and resilience needed to thrive in demanding environments and use his gifts to serve others.

I wholeheartedly recommend Makaio Cato without reservation. Any institution, scholarship committee, or organization would be fortunate to have him.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Stephanie A. Williams". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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