



Oakland Technical High School

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am honored to write this letter of recommendation for Victor Zheng in support of his college applications, scholarships, and any academic endeavors he chooses to pursue. I have had the privilege of teaching Victor in my AP United States Government and Politics course at Oakland Technical High School. In the year that I have known him, Victor has distinguished himself as a thoughtful, disciplined, and highly motivated student whose academic excellence and leadership consistently elevate our classroom environment. I would consider Victor to be among the top 1 percent of students that I have had the privilege of teaching in my 7 years in secondary education.

Victor's academic strength is immediately evident through his exceptional coursework and performance in class. With a weighted GPA of 4.38, he has challenged himself with multiple Advanced Placement courses, including AP English Language and Composition, AP United States History, AP World History, AP English Literature, and AP United States Government and Politics. In my AP Government class, Victor consistently performs among the top percentiles on assessments. I have also observed his strong analytical skills as he engages deeply with complex political concepts and constructs clear, evidence-based arguments during discussions and debates. He approaches academic challenges with curiosity and persistence, and his disciplined study habits are reflected in his recognition as an AP Scholar. Victor's passion for learning, particularly in science and biology, underscores his readiness for rigorous college-level coursework and his long term goal of pursuing a career in medicine.

Beyond academics, Victor is a committed leader and an active contributor to his school and broader community. He has been a dedicated member of both Key Club and Interact Club since 2022, organizations that I personally advise at our school. Currently Victor serves on the Oakland Tech Key Club Fundraising Committee, where he helps organize and facilitate fundraising events. Through this role, Victor has developed strong leadership, teamwork, and public speaking skills. His ability to communicate confidently was further demonstrated when he served as a host for the Speech and Debate Workshop at the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, where he introduced and closed presentations for over 30 participants.

I can confidently recommend Victor Zheng for admission to any institution or any academic endeavours he wishes to pursue.. He is a hardworking, driven, and community-oriented student with the intellectual ability, character, and motivation to succeed in college and beyond. I am certain he will be a positive and impactful member of any academic community. If you have any questions regarding Victor's qualifications or character, please feel free to contact me at mitchell.varian@ousd.org

Sincerely,

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