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Re: Alyssa Caruso

Alyssa is, without question, one of the most self-motivated and hardworking students I have had the privilege to work with. Since I have known her, I have witnessed Alyssa show a willingness to take on challenges, while maintaining a balance between a demanding academic schedule, extracurricular activities, volunteer work, etc. Not only does she hold herself to high standards, but also displays a unique ability to understand issues, while working tirelessly towards achieving her goals, of which she has many. Alyssa represents the Derby core values of academic achievement, proper behavior, and responsible citizenship, with fidelity, whether it be in the classroom, on an athletic field, or in the community.

Throughout her high school career, she has continuously challenged herself by taking all Honors and Advanced Placement courses available at Derby High School, achieving academic honors in each marking period. Alyssa possesses the ability to honor a commitment, and is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Student Council, Spanish Club, Yearbook Club, Future Business Leaders of America, and Human Relations Club, where she is an officer. She also sits on the Class Act Council, a student athletic advisory board focusing on empowering students to promote good sportsmanship within their leagues and schools. She is a member of the Cheerleading and Outdoor Track teams, earning All-Naugatuck Valley League honors for Cheerleading in 2020. Through each of these experiences, Alyssa has displayed the ability to work with others, while showing that she is capable of making difficult decisions.

As evidenced, Alyssa is an active member of her school and local communities, and has taken on numerous leadership roles within those groups, including volunteer and community-based projects. Alyssa demonstrates a legitimate concern for others, and is willing to commit to a project. She shows these traits with her participation in extensive volunteer work for numerous organizations, including the Spooner House, and other community soup kitchens, the Boys and Girls Club, Toys for Tots, and Bible Study Camp at Holy Rosary Church. Alyssa has also helped run the Derby Cheerleading Clinic, and has been a student demonstrator for Derby Pop Warner.

No matter what Alyssa does, she does it with complete devotion and diplomacy, while holding herself to the highest standards. Not many people have the perspective and work ethic that Alyssa does, let alone high school students. She holds important values, including accountability and hard work, and places significant importance on family and education. All of this becomes very evident soon after meeting her and seeing what a remarkable young woman she truly is.

MISSION STATEMENT

Derby High School pursues **A**cademic achievement, promotes creative and critical thinking, expects appropriate **B**ehavior and fosters responsible **C**itizenship.

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