

To Whom it May Concern,

It is my great pleasure to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Kimberly Hall. Kimberly was a student in my junior AP level English course at Bellevue High School where she was a very inquisitive and engaged student, with a very positive attitude throughout the year.

Kimberly was a very active participant in all class discussions and activities; while she contributed insightfully and always took our discussions to another level, she was also very supportive and inclusive of others and always listened thoughtfully to the contributions of her peers. Other students, and myself, looked to Kimberly to contribute deep insights and unique perspectives in our discussions, most notably drawn from her experience having lived abroad. I remember one discussion in particular where the whole class initially disagreed with her but she politely and thoughtfully presented her arguments until the class was split 50-50 and a rousing discussion ensued. Students respect her, I think because she is obviously very bright but she is always down to earth and shows genuine interest in and concern for her peers.

In light of the demanding workload in my course, the grade that Kimberly earned took her much effort and determination. I am a conscientious grader, and push my students to challenge themselves. Kimberly always embraced these challenges with optimism and dedication. She enjoys learning and is a true scholar. I fully expect her to do graduate level work and to effect change in whatever domain she pursues, because she naturally rises to the fore of a discussion and is a passionate thinker.

While she is quietly modest about her career goals, I know she is very committed to continuing her research into the poverty cycle. She puts in hours upon hours researching and interviewing business people toward this end, and she has done so since junior high. The enthusiasm she shows in her desire to become bilingual in Spanish carries over into her other classes. Kimberly is confident and personable. She comes readily to her teachers for any needed clarification, and I know her work ethic will take her far in life.

Interpersonally Kimberly is a natural leader who is very cheerful and inclusive. She has a smile for everyone and strives to be a positive influence in every situation. In a group work situation in our class that I recall, Kimberly took a stand when several students were uncomfortable working with an openly homosexual student, and I watched her guide her peers kindly but firmly, by her own example. I could tell she was upset by their behavior, but instead of causing a situation, she instead modeled inclusion and acceptance, and the other students followed her lead. I was very impressed by her maturity, judgment and self-control.

I have been nothing but impressed by the academic commitment and social maturity Kimberly has shown. She will undoubtedly become very involved on your campus and will be a positive asset to her peers and professors. Should you need any further information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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