



# ITHACA JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

EMPOWERING EXCELLENCE

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To the Scholarship Selection Committee,

It is with great enthusiasm that I recommend Thad Sherman for admission to your college. In my 24 years of teaching, I have had the privilege of working with countless talented students, but Thad stands out as one of the finest I have ever had the pleasure of teaching.

Thad has taken nearly every STEM class I offer, including AP Computer Science Principles, AP Computer Science A, and Robotics. In each class, he has demonstrated remarkable intelligence, diligence, and curiosity. He approaches learning with genuine enthusiasm—eager not only to master the material but to understand it deeply. His analytical thinking and creativity allow him to solve complex problems with insight and precision, and his consistent excellence reflects both his intellect and his extraordinary work ethic.

Beyond his academic strengths, Thad is a person of exceptional character. He is honest, dependable, patient, and kind. He treats his peers with respect and compassion, and he is always the first to offer help when others struggle. His integrity and sense of responsibility make him a model student and a trusted leader.

As one of the founding members and a leader of FRC Robotics Team 9673 (where I serve as a coach), Thad has helped us build a thriving program that combines technical skill with teamwork and innovation. The team has grown into a supportive, collaborative community in part because of Thad's leadership. His ability to motivate others, manage challenges, and maintain a positive attitude—even under pressure—is truly impressive. He leads with both competence and kindness, earning the respect and admiration of everyone around him.

What makes Thad truly special, however, is his sense of humor and joy for learning. He makes every classroom he enters brighter. He has a unique ability to challenge himself and others intellectually while maintaining a warm, inclusive, and fun atmosphere. He is, without question, one of the most enjoyable students I have had the pleasure of teaching.

I do not doubt that Thad will bring the same intelligence, integrity, and enthusiasm that have defined his high school career to any situation he is involved in. He will not only excel academically but also enrich the lives of those around him. I recommend him to you with the highest level of confidence and without reservation.

Sincerely,

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