



Holly Area Schools

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To Whom it May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I am writing this letter of recommendation for Mya Nagelkirk. I highly recommend Mya for scholarship consideration.

I have known Mya for the last four years. I met her as a ninth grade student when I was the advisor for the freshman class. Mya was a member of the float building committee and she took on a leadership role in the group, managing construction times and locations, along with helping to find a parent who'd be able to drive the float in our homecoming parade. As a 10th grade student, Mya was in both my introductory physics class and my Leadership class. As a physics student, Mya was inquisitive, engaged and sought to understand. She has continued in the Leadership class for the remainder of her high school career, becoming a stalwart member of the class, seeking to improve the school and build a culture of belonging in our school. As a member of the leadership class, Mya has become instrumental in retooling and revitalizing our student council, where she is the Vice President. As vice president, Mya has striven to give voice to her peers who are unable to speak for themselves. Her integrity is a shining example to both her classmates and especially to the younger students in the school. Mya's willingness to call out injustice and inequity has been a major impetus to the cultural shift in our school; she meets regularly with our administration and will speak candidly with our school principal when needed.

Mya seeks excellence at every opportunity that presents itself and uses them to promote and elevate her community around her. Mya is a member of two additional honor societies; National Honor Society and Rho Kappa. She volunteers at the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan and VIPERS Special Needs Soccer. Mya is also a student athlete, where she has taken on a leadership role as a captain of the swim team.

Academically, Mya has committed to a deeply enriching experience in high school. She has enrolled in multiple AP classes along with our U of M DEEP program and has earned, and continues to earn, college credit. Using her scholastic gifts, Mya tutors classmates in both science and English, using her strengths to help support and uplift her peers and underclassmen.

I highly recommend Mya for this opportunity and wish her well in her future endeavors. Her dedication to service, excellence and improvement makes Mya a stellar candidate for your scholarship. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at hans.kivari@hask12.org or (248) 328-3200.

Sincerely,

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