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To Whom It May Concern,

It is with pleasure that I recommend Jacob Dancey to receive the Tall Clubs International Scholarship. I have had the opportunity to work with Jacob in marching band, concert band, winter percussion ensemble, and Tri-M Music Honor Society. He is an integral member of the Mansfield Music Department and his participation and dedication to our program will leave a lasting impact.

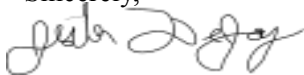
One of Jacob's biggest strengths is the pride he takes in his work. When rehearsing, he applies corrections to performance at a quick rate. He also asks well-thought questions on how he can improve his technique and performance. In this regard, it is evident to me that he takes the craft of playing music seriously. He has excellent attention to detail and has stayed after rehearsal for countless hours to discuss technique and approach. He has also improved greatly over the years in the area of musicianship. He has learned to use a lighter, more mature approach and is able to bring out nuanced dynamics and phrasing on the tenor drums. His success has led to us writing several tenor solos for him in our WGI percussion ensemble.

Jacob continually displays great loyalty, leadership, maturity, and responsibility. Our music activities have an intensive schedule with several rehearsals a week and performances at competitions, football games, pep rallies, parades, and more. Jacob is always one of the first ones to rehearsals and performances and is constantly pushing the ensemble to new heights. He has a rare talent of balancing these massive time commitments with his schoolwork and other club/athletic commitments. Additionally, he also takes it upon himself to make sure everyone who wants to be at a practice or performance can do so by giving peers rides to and from rehearsals. He is truly a team player.

As a student leader Jacob is responsible for holding sectionals and holding a certain standard of excellence within the music ensemble while also supporting those who need additional support. Jacob does an excellent job of maintaining these responsibilities. As a Tri-M officer, Jacob has led many initiatives including music in our schools month activities and new and exciting fundraising opportunities. He is always extremely professional, courteous, and helpful in class and as a club leader.

I am confident Jacob will be an asset to any institution he chooses to be a part of. He is a strong member of our community, always interacts with his peers and teachers with respect and kindness, and continually strives to better himself and our school. I am sure he will bring the same energy and passion to his collegiate studies and his future career. I give Jacob Dancey my highest recommendation without reservation!

Sincerely,



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