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Dear Scholarship Committee Members,

It is a pleasure to recommend Julia Detrick for this scholarship. I have known Julia for three years in my capacities as her Spanish teacher, club advisor, and collaborator. During this time, I have watched her evolve into a formidable leader who not only "gets things done" but actively creates opportunities for her peers.

Inside the classroom, Julia is a quick learner who is dedicated to her studies and has a consistently positive impact on the environment. She is the type of student who asks insightful questions that prove she is truly invested in the material. I have seen her grow from a student who was once hesitant during oral assessments to one who navigated the streets of Salamanca, Spain, confidently conversing with her host family. During our ten-day homestay program last spring, Julia was one of the few students I trusted to serve as a group leader. She excelled at organizing her peers and relaying vital information, proving herself to be a reliable and committed individual. Whether she is persisting through a difficult concept or seeking out immersion experiences, Julia's commitment to her growth is unwavering.

Her leadership extends far beyond the classroom, most notably in her work with our Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter. As one of the two founding students, Julia grew the group from seven members to over thirty in just two years. When she first asked me to serve as the advisor, I was immediately impressed by her talent for leading meetings and fostering a welcoming culture. Her efforts resulted in state-level success last year and a trip to national competitions this fall. Additionally, Julia launched a weekly sports reporting segment for our school-wide meetings. While she was initially nervous speaking before 600 peers, she now presents with effortless confidence. We continue to collaborate weekly to report out competition results, and her poise in front of the school is now one of her greatest strengths.

Julia is a community builder, a lifelong learner, and a natural leader. She has left a lasting impact on our school community, and I recommend her for this scholarship without reservation.

I recommend Julia without hesitation, she is truly a unique student, and will be a very grateful recipient of your award. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at hanley@lincolnacadey.org.

Sincerely,

Alison Hanley
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