



American Canyon High School

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Dear Scholarship Committee,

I am writing to enthusiastically recommend Saiyuli Lugo for scholarship consideration. As her counselor at American Canyon High School since August of this year, I have had the privilege of observing her academic excellence, personal integrity, and unwavering commitment to her future.

Saiyuli is an exceptional student with a 4.11 GPA and ranks 53rd in a class of 430 seniors. She has consistently challenged herself by enrolling in Honors and Advanced Placement courses while simultaneously pursuing dual enrollment opportunities at Napa Valley College. This rigorous academic path demonstrates her intellectual capability and her determination to excel at the highest levels.

Beyond the classroom, Saiyuli exemplifies the qualities of a thoughtful and engaged community member. She is creative, responsible, empathetic, and remarkably resilient. Her authenticity is evident in her involvement with multiple student organizations, including the California Scholarship Federation Club, Science National Honors Society, Black Student Union Club, and the Youth Advocates Club, where she serves as President and Founder. Additionally, Saiyuli volunteers regularly through her church at Highway Cogic, demonstrating her genuine passion for serving others.

What truly distinguishes Saiyuli is her resilience in the face of adversity. She has navigated significant financial challenges within her family while maintaining her exceptional academic standing. She made the difficult decision to step away from competitive track, a sport she loved, to secure employment and contribute to her family's stability. Rather than allowing these circumstances to diminish her efforts, Saiyuli has developed exceptional time management skills, a strong sense of responsibility, and the perseverance necessary to succeed in challenging situations.

Saiyuli is pursuing a degree in biological sciences and/or neuroscience with the goal of becoming a pediatrician, neurologist, or family care physician. Her motivation stems from a genuine passion for caring for others and her desire to heal people—values partly shaped by her family's medical experiences. She possesses the intellectual foundation, emotional intelligence, and problem-solving abilities necessary to excel in the medical field and make a meaningful difference in patients' lives.

Saiyuli Lugo is an outstanding candidate who embodies the qualities scholarship committees seek: academic excellence, authentic character, community engagement, and the resilience to overcome obstacles. She will undoubtedly make significant contributions to her college community and beyond. I wholeheartedly recommend her for scholarship support.

Respectfully,

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