

September 25th, 2025

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this letter of recommendation for Matei Jirka. I have had the pleasure to work with Matei in my Algebra 2 Common Core course for one full semester. Matei is a knowledgeable, enthusiastic, creative and genuinely well-rounded student. These qualities will enable him to be successful with any course he takes. He has been a remarkable student and an asset to New Paltz High school.

Throughout the half year, he was very creative in approaching difficult problems. I had the privilege of being his instructor and mentor during his time in my classes, specifically in Algebra 2. although we had many conversations about Intro to Calculus class as well. Throughout this period, I witnessed Matei's impressive strengths, skills, and achievements that I believe will make him an invaluable addition to your university. He was extremely consistent in his efforts in class and out and his attendance was impeccable. Matei worked cooperatively with other students during class discussions and during group presentations. In class, he has proven to be a take-charge student who is able to successfully tackle complex tasks quickly and efficiently on his own. I feel confident that he will continue to succeed in his studies.

Matei has always put appropriate time and effort into his assignments and he has adequately prepared for classes. He is also involved with multiple after school extracurricular activities. It is my pleasure to convey to you that he is a fascinating student who enjoys learning about different topics in Math and Engineering. He is truly an ideal student. From the very beginning, Matei demonstrated an exceptional understanding of mathematical concepts and developed a deep enthusiasm for learning that was inspiring to the entire class. He often found himself ahead of the curriculum, which allowed him to assist classmates who were struggling with more challenging topics. This willingness to help others not only showcased his mastery of the subject but also highlighted his leadership qualities and commitment to fostering a collaborative learning environment.

It is for these reasons that I offer, without hesitation, high recommendations for Matei Jirka for your program. His perseverance and abilities will truly be an asset to your university. He works assiduously with groups and other students on projects on time. He had shown a remarkable aptitude and motivation above and beyond among his peers. If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

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