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Sulphur Springs, Texas 75482*

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to recommend Nathan Bilyeu for a Tall Clubs International Foundation scholarship. At almost 6'4," he stands tall both physically and academically. He is an outstanding student whom I expect to do well in college and in life.

I have taught Nathan for two years in Advanced Placement English, and he is one of my strongest students in a group of very able students. Ranked near the top of his class, he is quick to grasp concepts and to make inferences, consistently doing superior work. He is an excellent thinker and writer who values learning and makes good contributions to class discussions. I also coach him in UIL Journalism, and he placed fourth in Feature Writing at the state meet last year.

Nathan is also very involved in thespian activities and in band. He takes part in theater productions both in school and in the community, and he has been part of a marching band that has qualified for UIL state competition four years in a row. He holds various positions of leadership in both theater and band. Significantly, he placed at state in the UIL Young Filmmakers Contest both as a sophomore and as a junior, and his films were screened at the UIL State Film Festival.

Community service has also been important to Nathan throughout high school. He is active in his church, having participated in several mission trips as well as local outreach events, such as helping with Bible School and distributing meals to those who need them.

Intelligent, talented, hard-working, and possessing a desire to excel, Nathan is an excellent candidate for a scholarship. At 5'8," I look up to him both figuratively and literally!

Sincerely,



Gail Herman
Department of English