

To whom it may concern,

My name is Savannah McDonough and I have known Romeo throughout his Junior year as his IB English teacher. I am excited to recommend Romeo for a position in your upcoming freshman class.

Romeo is a student who is full of surprises. He has many passions, and he is always looking to grow. This mindset has led him to seek any opportunity to better himself, whether it is through his academics, sports, creative endeavours, or community service. First and foremost, Romeo pours his energy into his academic life. He is a member of the National Honor Society, and takes advantage of the challenging opportunities the International Baccalaureate program provides. He pushes himself to seek perspectives other than his own, and does not shy away from thinking globally. In class, he is a leader in discussions and diligently seeks feedback in order to improve. This is how he has maintained a respectable GPA while also participating in extracurricular activities.

Romeo is also a leader in our school community as a Peer Group Leader. This means that he serves as a role model and mentor to an advisory class of freshman boys in our school; he plans and leads lessons, connects with the students, and helps them navigate the complicated world of high school in a safe, productive way. The PGC program requires a great deal of maturity because, while there is a teacher in the room, the PGC leaders are responsible for running the class and fostering the connections with their advisory. He has learned how to interact with new people effectively, build trust within the community, and follow through with his commitments. He is not afraid to take risks in class and be vulnerable in the appropriate moments with those in need, and I believe that his commitment to PGC played a huge role in his socio-emotional development.

While Romeo enjoys spending time with friends, he also loves giving his time to those in need while ensuring his success in college. Romeo has been a member of Kim's Kids for the last three years, which means that he has diligently completed service hours within the community in order to receive a scholarship for college. All of his time spent with the different service projects in Kim's Kids led him to seek out other service opportunities; that is why he also now volunteers with Lucy's Leaders. He has now done everything from make support packs for cancer patients in need to build a playground for a local title one school, and it has honed his sense of justice and understanding for the difference he can make in the world.

After seeing what a difference he can make in the lives of strangers, Romeo is more driven than ever to make a difference in the life of his family. His career goals center around business and marketing due to their lucrative nature, however he is also interested in making a difference in his community by becoming a law enforcement officer. As a student who has grown up witnessing life's harsh consequences for mistakes first hand, he knows that having a good support system in the community is essential. He is personally inspired by knowing what it looks like to fail, and wants to help others avoid it in turn.

I hope it is clear that Romeo is a deserving, upstanding member of our community, and a person very deserving a spot in your upcoming freshman class. I believe that Romeo will make a difference in the lives of the students and faculty alike, and I know that he will use the experience and knowledge gained at your institution to make the world a better place.

Sincerely,
Savannah McDonough
IB Language and Literature Teacher