To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to write on behalf of Nyla O'Brien. Nyla was a student in my English 11 AP Language and Composition course last year at Quartz Hill High School. She was a pleasure to have in class, completing assignments in a timely manner and consistently being a good classmate to others. However, what strikes me most about Nyla is her mature demeanor. Unlike so many teenagers these days, she relates comfortably to adults and peers alike. Nyla was happy to offer opinions and eager to ask questions; she was there to learn.

In addition to her work in the classroom, Nyla makes her presence felt both around our campus and in the greater community. She takes challenging courses and is regularly on the Principal's Honor Roll. A member of both the California Scholarship Federation and the National Honor Society, Nyla volunteers at ExCEL Therapy Services (a speech therapy program) and helps her local parish as a Life Teen Leader - working with same aged peers - and is a Crew Leader for the annual Vacation Bible School, where she works with younger children. On the athletic field, she is a true standout, earning varsity letters for two of Quartz Hill High School's top programs - swimming and soccer.

The truth is that I could go on for several pages detailing more of what makes Nyla O'Brien such an upstanding young person. However, I realize you are busy people with decisions to make. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance. Feel free to call me on campus at 661-718-3100.

Sincerely,

Kevin Mahady English Department Chairman Quartz Hill High School