

To Whom It May Concern.

I have known Nyla O'Brien for one year. She has proven to be a dedicated student in my Spanish 3 class. Nyla readily grasps new concepts and retains them. She has demonstrated excellence in reading, writing, and speaking Spanish. Her skills in Spanish will surely help with any career choice she pursues in the future. Nyla is respected by her peers and her teachers. I hear many positive things about Nyla here at Quartz Hill High School. She is looked upon as a role model by many of our students. I have observed that Nyla is able to work well with others in group activities. She can take on the role of team player or team leader with ease. She is interested in people of all ages and cultures and responds to them in a positive manner. She offers her own opinions while listening and respecting the opinions of others. Nyla has enjoyed participating with California Scholarship Federation. She has received recognition as one of our school's top achievers. She has enrolled in Advanced Placement courses such as AP Biology, AP Calculus, and AP English, to name a few. Nyla is a scholar and an athlete. She has played soccer and participated on the swim team. I am amazed at her ability to balance her rigorous academic schedule, her clubs, and extra-curricular activities. Balancing all this is not easy but Nyla comes each day to school cheerful and ready to learn. Nyla is hardworking, trustworthy, and highly motivated. She sets goals for herself and reaches them. She is an outstanding young member of Quartz Hill High School and our Antelope Valley Community. She has spent countless hours helping others. Nyla has volunteered as a speech therapist, served hot meals to the less fortunate through Grace Resource Center and helped develop a sustainable library for the Antelope Valley College Childhood Development Program. She has demonstrated her leadership skills by heading activities for teens in her church. One of my favorite things about Nyla is her ability to always show gratitude. At the end of class, as she is leaving my room, she will say goodbye and thank me for the day's lesson. As a teacher, it warms my heart to hear that. It makes me feel appreciated. Nyla is gifted in many ways but always remembers to stay humble. I am most proud of her ability to challenge herself in everything she does. When things do not go her way, she takes a breath and challenges herself again. She is resilient and adaptable and incredibly determined. It has been an honor and a pleasure to have her in my class. Nyla O'Brien is an exemplary young lady. I know she is looking forward to high school graduation in 2021 and then attending college. I am immensely proud of her accomplishments and I wish her all the best in the future.

Sincerely,

Lina Rocca Foreign Language Teacher

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