



# Shepherd High School



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To Whom It May Concern:

I am privileged to write this letter of recognition and recommendation for Rachel Travis, a student and 2014 graduate of Shepherd High School. Rachel has shown resilience and determination as a student and an athlete at Shepherd High School. As an English teacher, I enjoyed having Rachel in class. She has spread her time over a variety of activities including Class of 2014 projects and several sports, while maintaining high academic success.

Rachel has a wide range of interests, which make her a well-rounded person. Aside from her successful involvement in cross country, basketball, and softball, she volunteers a lot of time to be a part of other non-athletic extra-curricular activities. She has been a member of Student Council for three years and is the Vice President for her senior year. Her leadership abilities have also been on display at the Class of 2014's Homecoming Float Building events. Her dedication to planning the 2013 Prom inspired her classmates to improve their efforts. She is also a member of National Honor Society (NHS), Science Club, and is President of Business Professionals of America (BPA). In addition to all of this volunteered participation, she continues maintains high academic achievement.

Rachel's attention to detail and dedication to hard work is impressive. Her grade point average (GPA) has reached 4.0, and in the two courses I taught her, she earned nearly 100% both times and was a true asset in the classroom. Aside from producing quality work, she asked the type of probing questions that helped drive discussions and improve understanding for other students. Her character analysis for the play "12 Angry Men" brought to light several threads of information that were otherwise overlooked by her classmates.

It is my distinct honor to offer a recommendation for Rachel Travis, a hard-working and caring young person.

Sincerely,

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