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STELLA GOFF RECOMMENDATION

To Ohio Scholastic Media Association,

It is with great pleasure that I write this Journalist of the Year letter of recommendation for *Arlingtonian* Editor-in Chief, Stella Goff. Stella stands out as an extremely effective editor and her abilities to manage the largest staff to date, are impressive. She is a natural leader and motivates the staff with ease. Her enthusiasm for story-telling and commitment to the newsmagazine has made her an asset for the staff. Stella is hard-working, reliable, intelligent, empathetic, ethical, and overall one of the most thoughtful and independent students I have ever had. She thrives in the journalism environment of our newsroom and is responsible for spearheading our new website.

I beam with joy reflecting on the accomplishments of this student as I have watched her grow as a student journalist for the last three years. I am in awe as I watch her utilize her leadership skills to empower a class full of budding journalists to find their potential. She demonstrates professionalism under pressure as she handles difficult situations and works extremely well with others. I commend Stella for her strength in leading students in a professional manner, yet is gentle with her guidance. In addition, her love of writing is contagious and she is an excellent role model.

As the newsmagazine adviser, I am impressed as I witness her extraordinary critical thinking and problem solving skills first hand. She is particularly impressive in the way she views the importance of journalism, fairness and the truth. Her ability to lead the staff in a positive manner and the remarkable way she develops relationships is mature beyond her years. She strives for excellence in everything that she does.

Stella has a strong work-ethic and a determined mindset. She is a journalist at heart. But she is so much more than a great editor and award-winning writer, she is an awesome individual who takes initiative and cares about others. She is the perfect candidate for Journalist of the Year and I am proud to recommend her. She has left a long-lasting impression on me.

Sincerely,

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