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Stella Goff

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To Whom it may concern:

I have had the pleasure of knowing Stella Goff as a student in my Level One, Honors, and Honors Advanced Ceramics class for the last three years. She has been a believer in creating work that is challenging and has purpose. Stella is highly skilled at both the physical and mental part of creating. Her abilities are unique and push the boundaries of the principles and elements of art and design.

Taking the higher-level ceramic courses during the past few years has allowed Stella to talk about her passions and what it means to fulfill those dreams. Those dreams of being creative didn't start in my class but were lifted to a higher level as she stretched the medium to its boundaries. Every obstacle she encountered came with the same mindset,—loud, proud, and energetic. This positive attitude was contagious and brought everyone in the class to a united, caring, and uplifted place. During these studio sessions, Stella would handle adversity in ceramics by overcoming multiple obstacles including glaze techniques and engineering procedures. Students look to her for advice, and she finds comfort in helping others find their passion.

Stella's growth keeps evolving as her daily involvement multiplies into many journeys. These tasks include Editor in Chief, for the Upper Arlington High School News magazine, *Arlingtonian*, 2024-2025, Student Council Representative, 2021-2025, Social Network Chair of Student Council, 2024-2025, and Member of National Honor Society, 2024-2025. Stella is also extremely active in sports as she continues her place on the Upper Arlington High School Varsity Softball team. This dedication on the field also appears off the field as she coaches and assists annual youth softball camp during the summer for elementary-middle school girls. These leadership roles also include the Upper Arlington Community Foundation program and Leadership UA Creates Connections. During Stella Goff's early high school involvement, she completed the Leadership Cohort Curriculum and the National Student Leadership Conference on Forensic Science. These examples and many others are true leadership skills that help the surrounding community run efficiently and effectively.

Stella has been a pleasure to know personally and academically. She has demonstrated throughout her time in my class what it is to be a creative and compassionate leader. Her motivation to try new things has allowed me as her instructor to focus on Stella's unique talents. I am confident Stella Goff will continue to grow and develop; rising to the challenge of anything she attempts to accomplish. She is enthusiastic, confident, and most of all caring. I unconditionally recommend Stella Goff for the Georgia Stilwell Dunn Ohio Journalist of the Year Scholarship.

Respectfully submitted,

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