

To Whom It May Concern:

Parker Knopf is the finest student that I have had in the past 25 years. Every University in the country should be recruiting this young man and fighting to get him. He is intelligent and well-rounded like many students with his academic background. What sets him apart from others is his ambition and his ability to lead. As a fourth year student in my program, Parker is sometimes responsible for teaching the less experienced students. He gives full lectures in class and holds the attention of his peers as if he was an expert teacher. I often find myself thinking, "I can't believe this guy is only a high school student." He is so mature and well spoken. His patience and ability to explain complicated subject matter is amazing. He comes from a hard working and intelligent family who are supportive in his academic, sporting, and personal aspects of his life. It is no wonder that he turned out this way. He is a fine young man who is respected by his peers and the faculty. He is very respectful to them in return.

He is a self-guided learner. He only needs a little direction and then he takes off with a project. Many people approach their days with a "How little can I get away with doing" type of attitude. Parker seems to approach each day as if he was trying to get as much out of the school day as he possibly can. He has so many great projects and so little time in class to work on them. He supports his class time by doing a lot of research outside of the school setting. He consults with a local manufacturer about best practices with certain materials, tools, and processes. I use Parker's projects as examples of what is possible if you put enough time and effort in to something. He creates his designs using programs such as AutoCAD, Solid Works, and MasterCAM. He uses CNC mills, lathes, lasers, and 3D printers to create his parts. He has made a working robot, an injection molding machine, gears, and jigs and fixtures for our machines. This is just a small list of some of Parker's accomplishments.

Parker is the founding member and president of our school's SkillsUSA organization. He and his team won a gold medal for 1st place in California in an Automated Manufacturing competition. They went on to win a 2nd place silver award in the National SkillsUSA competition over the summer. This was our school's first experience in this arena and as an 11th grader, Parker led his team as if he had done this many times.

I have no doubt that Parker Knopf will be a great asset to any community or business someday. I know that he will immediately make any University better by his attendance. I will miss him tremendously.

Thank You

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