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To Whom It May Concern:

It is a genuine pleasure for me to recommend Blayne Contrades as a candidate for admission into your program. I have known Blayne for the past five years but came to know him well during his 7th grade and sophomore years when teaching him in my Honors Science 7 and Honors Chemistry class. From day one, Blayne was a model student. He took his schoolwork seriously, demonstrated great initiative and motivation, and thought critically and creatively when faced with a problem. Blayne is a young man of high moral character and treats others with the utmost respect. He has gained my respect as a student and responsible young man.

Blayne is a dedicated and committed student. He is very responsible and one of the hardest working students in my class. I can depend on Blayne to do his work to the best of his ability and to especially do it on time. He is not afraid to ask questions and on numerous occasions has come in on his own time during lunch or after school to seek additional help. I am impressed with Blayne's ability to comprehend laboratory data and then to interpret these results so eloquently into his laboratory reports. This ability indicates the intelligence to apply what he learns in a textbook and then how to use it in a real-world situation. This skill is extremely valuable in any workplace or 21st century learning environment.

In addition to Blayne's great work ethic, he has strong leadership skills and qualities. He always took the initiative and grabbed the role of team leader whenever we had collaborative group activities or a group presentation in class. He provided words of encouragement, was patient and understanding, and always had a positive attitude when working with his fellow students. Where Blayne's leadership skills truly shine is as a member of Saint Louis School's athletic programs. There he was selected by his coaches and teammates as Team Captain for the Junior Varsity Football and the Junior Varsity Baseball teams. He spends countless hours, outside of normal school time, practicing and preparing for competitions. Not only does he lead by example but Blayne has been a role



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model and mentor to team members by teaching them the skills and strategies needed to succeed.

Even with a full schedule of classes and hours dedicated to school activities, Blayne has a strong commitment to community service. He has devoted his time and services to several organizations and causes. Blayne has spent numerous hours preparing and serving meals for families at Ronald McDonald House Charities. He has helped to support the mission of the St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii and continue their legacy of “creating healthy communities” by volunteering at their annual St. Marianne Cope Wellness Fair and Walk. Blayne has also been part of several service projects including cleaning up and preserving the USS Arizona Memorial, removing invasive species and restoring the stream at Papahana Kualoa, and beautifying school campuses in the community.

I cannot say enough about Blayne’s work ethic and achievements. I know he will succeed in whatever field he chooses and have a positive impact in the community in the process. For these reasons, I highly recommend Blayne Contrades as a candidate for admission into your program. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 808-739-7777 or by email at dyamaguchi@saintlouishawaii.org, if I can provide more information about Blayne, including his exceptional character and prospects for a successful future with your program.

Sincerely,

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