

**Letter of Recommendation for: Ms. Katelyn S. McEachen**

**Letter of Recommendation by: Mr. Paul Konichek**

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**It is an honor to write a recommendation for Ms. Katelyn S. McEachen, as she was an outstanding student in one of my Physics classes last school year. When I think of Katelyn I think of the care free, friendly, young scholar athlete, who often made a point to just peek in and just say, “Hi Mr. Konichek,” more than any other individual in my 18 years at SPASH. Even though she is not one of my students this school year, she still makes a point to say hi, on the way by my classroom.**

**Physics is such a tough discipline to achieve a high grade percentage in but Ms. McEachen maintained over a 100% average by receiving extra credit on high precision labs and getting a 100% on daily homework and unit test. It is obvious that Katelyn is serious about her education. Note Katelyn maintains over a 4 point average on her weighted GPA leaning toward a career in the legal or medical fields which could turn out to be both as a legal professional specializing in the medical field legal problems.**

**Ms. McEachen just happens to be 19<sup>th</sup> in her class currently which is the same place I was in my class in high school only I was 19<sup>th</sup> out of 135 and Katelyn is 19<sup>th</sup> out of 535!**

**Katelyn is really a handful in that I just noticed the number five came up often in her resume. Listed below are seven groups of five outstanding qualities in her resume:**

- 1). Top 5% of her large class (with tough classes to earn high grades)**
- 2). A quint-athlete (Cross Country team captain, Basketball, Track team captain, Softball, Black Belt Tae Kwon Do)**
- 3). Five college level Advanced Placement classes**
- 4). Active in at least five volunteer projects within the youth group of her church**
- 5). Active in five clubs**
- 6). Has five special skills; Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Photoshop, Conversational Spanish**
- 7). Has five special interest; running, hiking, swimming, volunteering, and learning**

**NASA noticed that I had a gift of seeing the gifts of others when they chose me to represent all the high school teachers in the nation, on a special ‘Blue Ribbon Panel’ of K-16**

educators, to write the criteria for choosing the next two teachers to train to be Astronauts. Ms. McEachen has what it takes to be a great lawyer. In one of the most engaging Physics classes in the country she was able to think logically, and she was good at dealing with people. She was able to see and understand both sides of an issue so that she could focus her argument on the real points. I could tell that she had a love of seeking justice and defending those who could not defend themselves.

No one should suffer by the act of another. For every wrong there is a remedy and Katelyn has the determination, focus, sincerity, and spontaneity to discover the remedy.

Katelyn sets an overall tone of competence, optimism, integrity and inspiration, by example. She models a disciplined, synergistic lifestyle that provides the energy and endurance to handle the physical and emotional challenges of leadership in the legal and/or medical fields.

Ms. Katelyn S. McEachen is a great role model, respectful, flexible, dedicated, energetic, and most importantly balanced between church, family, academics, social, extracurricular activities, and work.

For all the above reasons I bestow upon Ms. Katelyn S. McEachen *one of my highest recommendations*.

Sincerely,

**Mr. Paul Konichek**

**NASA Blue Ribbon Panel (2003)**

**NASA Teacher Liaison (Flight 2)**

**Summited Mt. Aconcagua (22,837 feet) (2005)**

**Portage County Business Partners Golden Apple Award Winner (2006-2007)**

**SPASH MATHEMATICS, ASTRONOMY, PHYSICS (1996-present)**

**Monthly Portage County Gazette Science Writer (2004-present)**

**Mt. Fuji, Japan (summer of 2012)**

**Mt. Pico, Azores; Coma Pedrosa, Andorra (summer of 2013)**