

Letter of Recommendation for: Mr. Marshall P. Christensen

Letter of Recommendation by: Mr. Paul Konichek

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It is an honor to write a recommendation for Mr. Marshall P. Christensen as he has been an outstanding student and gentleman in my Physics class since day one this school year. When I think of Marshall, I think of a student who is always thinking logically deeper thoughts during the Physics instruction experience. It is like he is hungry for Physics knowledge and gobbles up all he can each day.

Physics is such a tough discipline to achieve a high grade percentage in but Mr. Christensen maintains over a 100% average by receiving extra credit on labs due to very low percent errors and getting a 100% on daily homework and unit test. It is obvious that Marshall is serious about his Physics. Note Marshall maintains cumulative 4.0 grade point average, even with five AP college courses, and plans on a career in anesthesiology.

Mr. Christensen has a love, patience and a determination for learning, studying, reading and writing (being in the top 1% of his graduating class of 571). He is extraordinarily detail oriented (his vector addition lab), calm and clear-headed in stressful situations (his being the front end manager, in charge of 3-12 people making sure that everything runs smoothly up front).

This is the first time in a recommendation I've truly said that I would trust a student of mine with my life. As my anesthesiologist Marshall would pay close attention to my health information details before, during and after procedures, recording the details of anesthesia during the operation and after procedures. He is extremely mature for his age as he already displays these skills in one of the most hands-on active Physics classes anywhere.

Marshall has a genuine lifetime commitment to helping others as is evident in his co-curricular activities and community activities. (Helping with the Science Fair, he is a volunteer at the Humane Society, volunteered for Wetland Conservation money raising projects, etc.).

As a wrestling coach I admire the dedication, overall physical stamina, and manual dexterity it takes to compete in wrestling for three years. Marshall is very mature for his age and has that leader quality that people trust him instantly. His superb judgment and excellent communication skills makes him the first choice for a lab partner.

Marshall has great interpersonal skills. He has the ability to communicate in a clear, supportive manner that would help to build a relationship with his patients. Marshall is helpful in that he is able to explain complex physics concepts to his classmates.

Anesthesiologist have long 60 hour weeks with irregular working hours and the need to stand or sit for long periods of time while requiring the technical skill of inserting an intravenous line, or spinal catheter all needing a steady hand and a deft touch. His hobbies of disc golf, weightlifting and fishing will be a great break from the stresses of anesthesiology.

Marshall sets an overall tone of competence, optimism, integrity and inspiration, by example. He models a disciplined, synergistic lifestyle that provides the energy and endurance to handle the physical and emotional challenges of leadership in the field of anesthesiology.

Mr. Christensen is a great role model, respectful, flexible, dedicated, energetic, and most important balanced between church, family, academics, social, extracurricular activities, and work.

For all the above reasons I give Mr. Marshall P. Christensen *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)