

Distinctive Qualities

He's multitalented with interests spanning from information technology to photography. I like that Jonathan is not afraid to take risks and explore new territory! I like Jonathan because he is passionate about his purpose and talents. From coding to drawing and cooking he is always excited to craft new creations by building things with his hands. Jonathan enjoys cooking because he challenges himself to recreate different exquisite dishes that top chefs, like Gordon Ramsey, prepare, explaining that it is as a test of skills that allow him to get out of his comfort zone. Next, coding is one of his many talents because it shows him how to demystify the functionality of object. In addition, it allows him to have an idea, create the line of code and then see it properly function. This discovery led him to code his very own playable video game! Lastly, Jonathan also stands out because of his ability to construct objects. The primary reason he loves constructing is because he is a kinesthetic learner, which directly connects to his Aspergers. He has created things such as fans, birdhouses, helmets, and models of different iconic buildings, using a variety of materials and tools that include paper, metal, carbonite, blow torches.

Curriculum and Academic Highlights

Jonathan's academic record is excellent, his grade point average is an 89.32. He has taken a rigorous curriculum, enrolling in 3 out of 7 advanced placement and classes. In his senior year he has chosen to take full advantage of the early college rigor offerings. He will enroll in four college courses, to be completed upon the culmination of his senior year. He hopes to major in information technology plans to launch his career as a software developer or another career in information technology. With computer science and technology he has found the perfect combination for his passion in information technology. His interests expand beyond architecture, as he is also excited to explore art and digital creations. In his words, "I have a deep curiosity to learn all that I can about art. In my free time I enjoy researching different techniques to depict the elements of art, such as line, shape, and color. I continue to experiment with changing my physical art depictions into digital pieces. My Junior year I was enrolled in a photography class, and this expanded my curiosity to learn different forms of art including abstraction, surrealism, and Dadaism . I then began to explore ways to combine my physical pieces with digital aspects." His goal to be a successful information technologist is rooted in his love for learning and research!

Extracurricular Enrichment Experience

Theory plus practicum is a way of life for Jonathan. He has juggled classwork and engaging in pre-college enrichment programs throughout his high school career. Performing well in the classroom is simply the beginning for Jonathan. In his experience with Outward Bound, a weeklong program, with no technology. This outdoor camping adventure helped Jonathan build communication and teamwork skills. During this time, he learned how to purify water, build a fire and basic shelter. He also learned that he could rely on some of his previous experiences with the help of his guides and peers to overcome adversity and face different obstacles along the way. Lastly, Jonathan is a member of the National Association of Black Engineers where he participates in monthly sessions that include guest speakers who work in the engineering/computer science field and a hands-on learning experience or experiment.

Final Recommendation

I recommend Jonathan! His love for research, dedicated sprit and passion for learning, makes him an excellent candidate for college admissions. He's eager to learn and share his talents and I am confident that he will prove to be an asset to your college campus and a student that will thrive on your college campus!

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