

March 30th, 2022

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am pleased to recommend Jourdan Duncan for the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Scholarship. He is currently a senior at Benjamin E. Mays High School and has a current weighted GPA of 3.9. He is also in the top ten percent of his graduating class. He will have completed numerous Advanced Placement courses by the time he graduates and has mastered his coursework at Mays High School. This curriculum includes the most rigorous content offered by the Atlanta Public School System.

Jourdan is a remarkable and ambitious young man. As his school counselor from fall 2018-spring 2021, I witnessed the exceptional contributions that Jourdan has made to Mays High School and community. Not only is he an excellent and hard-working student, but he has dedicated himself to enriching the lives of students and faculty around him. Jourdan is truly special for his compassion and commitment to helping others, being a leader, and tremendous asset to his community. He has participated in numerous organizations and activities while at Mays which includes: Mays High Orchestra, Kappa League, Social Justice Civic Action League, National Honors Society, Skills USA, Academic Decathlon, Mays Cross Country, and Breakthrough Atlanta. He has been an honors student since his freshman year, principal's scholar, and class president. Jourdan also had the pleasure of being interviewed by the Washington Post earlier this year. He currently serves as Mr. Mays 2nd attendant, Mays High morning announcer, student ambassador, and active member of the Mays High Student Government Association.

Jourdan plans to study Communications in college. His understanding of Communications helps him succeed in the Audio/ Video Tech program and morning announcements. He is a 3 year pathway completer in our Audio/Video Technology program. He has learned important life skills such as presenting professionally and managing time. His academic accomplishments are especially impressive in the Audio/Video Technology courses he has taken at Mays. He is a kind, compassionate, intelligent, and a strong young man who has a clear sense of direction and purpose. I am confident that he will bring the same warmth, support, insight, and hard work to his college classes and social community.

Jourdan will walk onto a university campus and immediately have a positive effect on those around him. During our multiple one on one meetings, I appreciated Jourdan's checklists and organization. He is meticulous about details, and stays focused on his goal. Jourdan is the rare kind of student who has balanced the demands of academics, athletics, student organizations, community organizations, and emotional well-being, all while having a smile on his face and a helping hand out towards his fellow peers.

Sincerely,

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