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To whom it may concern,

I have the pleasure of teaching Julian this year in AP Calculus. Although I only first met Julian this year, I quickly came to realize that he is a talent I had not seen the likes of for my entire teaching career, including my time as an adjunct instructor at Oglethorpe University. Julian is consistently the topic of conversation among the faculty members at Banneker for his brilliance in the classroom and his insightful, challenging questions during class.

Not only does he quickly master the rigorous learning targets each class, but he asks questions that demonstrate his mastery of the content as well as his insatiable intellectual curiosity. He has established himself as a leader in my class in many ways and the whole class would be negatively affected by his absence. He makes enormous contributions to every student's learning by asking relevant, challenging questions and leading discussions in applying calculus concepts to real world issues. He is truly a teacher's dream to have in class. Julian sets high expectations for himself and works hard every day to meet these expectations. He is a student in Banneker's rigorous 3DE magnet program where he participates in monthly business case studies that infuse content standards with relevant business scenarios.

He is also an amazing example for the entire school community in his capacity as a leader. Not only is he a thought leader in my AP Calculus class, but he also was recently selected as the district winner for the 2021-2022 Young Georgia Authors Writing Competition for 12th grade. He is such an inspiration to me and I push myself to be a better teacher for him each class. It is a pleasure to watch him learn, think and grow with each passing class and I cannot wait to follow his career after high school as I know he will make a profound impact in any pursuit he chooses. I cannot think of a more deserving candidate for your scholarship than Julian. He will be an excellent representation of your organization at Georgia State University.

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