

December 2, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to write in support of Addae Benson's admission to your undergraduate program. I know Addae well, he is one of the best students I have ever encountered, and he was the first, and to date—the only 9th grader I have ever recommended to Georgia's Governor's Honors Program as well as the City of Atlanta's Science and Math Summer Enrichment Academy (SMSEA). As Addae's 9th grade math teacher, I have been given the opportunity to know Addae all four years of his post-secondary education and I cannot begin to express how proud I am of him and honored to be associated with the start of his next journey in his academic career.

Addae is inquisitive, knowledgeable, reflective and a natural born leader—both in and outside of the classroom. As Addae has now reached his final year of high school, we talk frequently about his academic interests, career goals and many responsibilities. In four short years, Addae has greatly enriched his high school career by engaging in extracurricular activities. He has been a member and leader of academic, theatrical and many other student-life organizations at North Atlanta HS, on top of working full-time in a film production. These organizations include, but are not limited to, Beta Club/National Honor Society, Student Ambassador, Peer Leadership, Audio-Visual Technology Filming and even overseeing the development and bylaws of our school's Board Game Club. In his leadership role over student-life, Addae has developed several social-emotional and study skills for younger students and incoming 9th graders. He has shown repeatedly that he is a leader and dedicated to being the best at all he does.

As a math instructor, it is difficult to calculate how or where Addae finds the time to be such an amazing young man in so many fields, and still spend his time volunteering with special needs and low level-learner students afterschool with my 9th and 10th grade tutorials. I have watched this quiet, smart small boy grow into an extremely intelligent, giving, hard-working young man in just four short years, and I am even more excited to see his growth and development years from now. He has always worked so hard to not only excel, but to take care of his community and those around him. In all my years of teaching, I couldn't think of a more considerate, kind or deserving individual to recommend, and I am confident that he will thrive in any academic program he chooses to pursue. Please feel free to contact me at any time regarding more information or any details regarding Addae Benson.

Educationally yours,

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