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ACADEMIC LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Dear Sir/Madam:

It is with the greatest pleasure that I recommend Ms. Veronica Lewis for admission to the College of William and Mary. There are billions of people on this fragile planet. Most will simply pass through life making the best of their circumstances, but making little mark on society, human endeavor or natural affairs. I am pleased to advise you that Veronica will have a far different fate.

I first met Veronica as a freshman who was invited by our staff to attend the Center for Environmental and Biological Sciences (CEBS). CEBS, now renamed the Biotechnology Center, is a four-year academic specialty school that offers its students a more challenging curriculum through a host of advanced/honors courses, with a particular focus in the natural and biological sciences. I teach the freshman Enriched Earth Sciences course; a two-credit/double period honors course in Astronomy, Meteorology, Geology, Oceanography and Environmental Sciences.

From the beginning of my association with Veronica, I was impressed with her skills and personal standards. She entered Osbourn Park High School with an avid desire to learn and a powerful devotion to quality. Because of these characteristics, all of her work was more than well done. It was exceptional. When we performed a lab, it was typically Veronica who diplomatically adopted the role of leader for her study group. She embraced the task at hand with both enthusiasm and intelligence. The result was high quality, well designed lab submissions that she was proud to call her own. When I introduced a new topic, it was Veronica who strived to truly master the material. By the end of freshman year, my impression of Veronica crystallized into one of the highest regard and admiration.

In junior year, I had the pleasure of again teaching Veronica an elective course in Astronomy. She again excelled in her performance in that difficult course. For the remainder of her high school career here at OPHS, Veronica has continued living her standards of quality, a zest for life and a desire to help others. She is devoted to the Natural and Biological Sciences and has admirable aspirations to study Biomedicine. She is one of the highest academically ranked students in our high school. At the same time, she has devoted herself to excelling in sports, outdoor activities and community service. She has volunteered many hours to visiting wounded troops coming back from Iraq and has participated in tutoring other students. Veronica is a self-confident young woman with a great personality and a true desire to make a difference in the world.

The College of William and Mary is dedicated to nurturing the characteristics that best represent true leadership in the arts, sciences and society as a whole. In that regard, you can ask for no better candidate for admission than Ms. Veronica Lewis. Should you have any questions or wish further information, please feel free to contact me at the above address.

Sincerely,

Frank Gregorio
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