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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been contacted by Ryan Olson for a letter of recommendation. I have known Ryan since he was a freshman in high school and had the honor of teaching and coaching him for four years. Ryan was a top student athlete for us here at Yankton High School. He was a multi-sport standout; participating in basketball, soccer, track and cross-country. The leadership and commitment to school and athletics that he displayed is the foundation that any teacher or coach would want to see out of a student athlete. In fact, I would rank Ryan as one of the top student athletes that I have had the privilege to teach and coach. He has always been a great teammate who cared more about team success than his own individual success.

Ryan is a young man that knows how to succeed and is willing to put forth the effort it takes to achieve success. He is a true leader and has very strong morals and values that he demonstrates in all areas of his life. He is a hard worker and a disciplined individual. He communicates very well with both adults and students and gets along with everyone. In his four years at Yankton High School he gained the respect of all teachers and students by working hard and being committed to the overall success of our school and community. Ryan continues to show he cares about where he came from as he continues to come back home to help coach every summer. Ryan does a tremendous job with the youth at camps. He will make a great teacher and coach someday soon. I hope he comes back to Yankton and teaches and coaches, but wherever he ends up I assure you they will be getting a quality individual who will do a great job.

Overall, I just believe that Ryan is a winner in life and give him my highest recommendation. He has a strong drive that sets him apart from other individuals his age. He has a maturity that is well beyond his years. He is going to make any organization a stronger and better place. He expects the best from himself, but he is a leader and pushes others around him to also bring out the best in themselves.

I would be happy to visit more about Ryan or answer any other questions that you may have about him. I can be reached at the number or email below. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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