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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Chris Keizur. I first met Chris when he became part of the Emerald sports staff while I was sports editor in 2013. From the start, Chris presented himself as a passionate and interested young journalist, which earned him a spot on the desk as a junior sports reporter. Often, new members of the sports desk tend to be hesitant when picking up assignments and owning their beat. However, this was never the case for Chris. He took on the responsibility in stride. He asked the important questions and followed through on deadline.

Chris was so reliant and dedicated to his role at the Emerald, he would often get assigned to multiple stories at one time. It's unusual for someone to be given so much responsibility that quickly. But Chris was never your ordinary student reporter. This is another reason why in his senior year he has had many opportunities to report and write for various outlets. I know through the experience of balancing school, work and outside activities it is a lot of responsibility for a college student, but Chris covered various topics and stories with poise and professionalism. He was always able to handle tough deadlines and come through with solid reporting.

But the best thing about Chris is his work ethic and passion for journalism. These are two characteristics he has which make him stand out amongst his peers. I can tell you through my experiences in the journalism field that those characteristics can go a long way. During my time at various media outlets, Chris would constantly ask me about the reporting I did and advice on how to succeed in an internship. I believe the opportunity for success is now and he won't let you down.

Sincerely,

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