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Dear University or College Admissions Office,

I have been teaching Latin for forty-two years in the public schools of Virginia and I am writing to highly recommend Natalie Pluto for admittance to your freshman class of 2018. Natalie was a great student in my Latin III and IV Honors classes and she is a delightful and very deserving person.

Natalie maintained an A average in both years of Latin. She has grown up in a family that stresses great people skills, a strong work ethic, ambition, and personal integrity and responsibility. Over the two years I saw her persistence to master the Latin language and I was impressed with her organizational skills, conscientious work habits, and pride in her work. I could always depend on her being prepared for class and her written work displayed neatness, accuracy, clarity, and thorough analysis. Her class oral participation showed an inquisitive and open mind, depth of thought, and respect for others' opinions and abilities. When we did group work she was a team player and leader, mentor, and friend to her peers. Natalie was mature enough to realize the value of Latin in a well-rounded education.

Natalie came to class every day with a smile on her face and a great attitude about life and learning. She is warm and sincere to all and she mixes easily with people of all ages and abilities. In her sophomore year, she became so passionate about music and her career goals that she decided to be home schooled to have more time for music. I hated to see her go but understood and admired her dedication. She has maintained contact with me and always thanks me for my teaching efforts and the good influence I have had. I think this shows what a classy person she is.

I enjoyed my time with Natalie because she was a wonderful and positive person and a great role model for our students. She is passionate about making herself into an outstanding person, student, career worker, and citizen. She will be grateful for acceptance and show it by hard work and being an asset to your school. The world around her will be a better place. I recommend her with no reservations.

Sincerely,

Wes Driskill, Latin Teacher and World Language Chair