To Whom it May Concern:

The purpose of the following letter is to recognize the extraordinary efforts of Lucas Daly, a student that has truly left his mark not just on the Hoboken community, but on myself as well. I had the great fortune of being Lucas's music teacher and music director for nine years. It has been one of my greatest joys to watch Lucas grow up into such a wonderful young man.

Lucas has always stood out as extraordinary. Don't get me wrong – his talent is great, but it is his determination and stalwart nature that set him apart. With Lucas, you are choosing someone who socially, emotionally, musically, and spiritually is in a league of his own. I support Lucas not solely for his voice, although it is crystalline and perfectly in tune, nor for his acting, although it is raw, authentic, and unfeigned, but for his attitude: always jubilant, accountable, compassionate, and loyal. Lucas has often been the first student to arrive and the last to leave, always willing to lend a helping hand.

Lucas has this truly joyful heart – positivity and light radiate off him. He is patient and understanding; I've seen this firsthand with his peers, as well as my own children. Through his efforts with The Amazing Truth Society and on his own, Lucas has provided hundreds of free guitar lessons to children who could not otherwise afford private or group musical instruction. Lucas shows up and gives 100% of himself to whatever project he's working on. I watched him learn and grow throughout his childhood and into his teenage years on how to schedule his life. He shows immense maturity in knowing how much he can handle and how to say no. Lucas Daly is absolutely accountable and impeccable with his word – his yes means yes.

To accept Lucas Daly to your college or university would mean accepting someone that will put the work in with a smile on his face and joy in his heart. He leads with that – his joy and his compassion. He has grown so much as a musician and I so look forward to gigging with him for years to come, but what sets him apart from others is just how much he wants to share that joy and love with the world through his music. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out so I can tell you more about how special this young man is.

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