

To Whom it May Concern,

I am delighted to recommend Bobby Kerns as Journalist of the year. Bobby is someone who shows leadership qualities and journalistic talents no matter where he is serving. I personally interact with Bobby as his teacher for both Choir and Theater and in these areas he is always connecting his discipline in the Performing Arts to his discipline as a Journalist. He is creative in finding ways to publicize what is happening in the school environment and inform the student body through various journalistic tools.

Bobby's leadership style is definitely that of a servant leader. He has a knack for finding what needs to be done and acting on a solution in advance. I believe these qualities also aid his gifts for journalism as he searches for what's coming and what's new in the school culture and he acts on these upcoming events to craft meaningful and interesting stories through various forms of journalistic media. Once he posts a story, he follows up by informing students of the story and networking amongst the school culture directing students to read, watch or otherwise engage in student journalist initiatives. This gift of networking and being well received by the student body truly aids Bobby in his leadership concerning journalism and the spread of important information in our school community.

Bobby's leadership style is dedicated and balanced. Part of what makes Bobby a strong journalist is his well-rounded involvement in areas of the school. Bobby is a strong student academically, heavily involved in the Performing Arts, encouraging and supportive of sports and other student events and always willing to lend a helping hand. His involvement across different areas of the school helps him to be in the know of practical and important information for journalism. He is also dedicated to each of these areas in a balanced way. He is certainly involved in a lot, but he knows how to commit and follow through being careful not to leave any commitment empty. When Bobby says he is going to follow through with something he does so with an above and beyond attitude and work ethic. I personally have seen this work ethic in the department of performing arts as he is currently carrying one of the leads in a school play. He has continuously showed up to rehearsal fully prepared for the day's work. Even if there is a lot of Bobby's plate, he arrives with a positive attitude and prepared for what needs to be accomplished.

On days where he isn't called for rehearsal, I always know where to find Bobby. He can most often be found in the journalism room working on the next story of some kind. Bobby uses his time wisely, never seeming to waste a moment to improve his talents whether it is for academics, performing arts or journalism. Even though Bobby is engaged in various areas of student life, I can see clearly that Bobby has a passion and drive for journalism unlike anything else. Every story he works on, he gives his all to. He does the work of research with great investment and he crafts a story with creativity and focus. I have witnessed on several occasions Bobby's overflow of passion for journalism and the desire to spread important, intriguing and helpful information to the student body in a captivating and tactful way.

Sincerely,

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