

MARINER HIGH SCHOOL

HOME OF THE FIGHTIN' TRITONS

Brian Mangan, Principal

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to recommend Michael Yapello for college acceptance. I know Michael as a high achieving student musician in the Mariner High School band program. As a member of the saxophone section, he consistently performs at a high level. Under his reserved personality is a young man with an incredible ear, and a love of music performance.

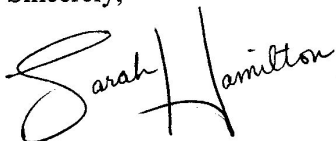
Michael has been a member of the "Silver Magic Marching Band," Wind Ensemble, and Jazz Band for all four years of high school. He also participates in the "Tritones" basketball pep band, and was an integral part of the "Musikprojekt," a student run band that won several talent show awards for original music. Michael has performed at various Cape Coral venues as a soloist throughout his high school career. In order to expand his musical talents, Michael currently takes private music lessons with Dan Miller. In addition to his talent on saxophone, Michael took on the challenge of learning trumpet for the marching band for his senior year.

Michael's work ethic, evident in his day to day activities, is exemplified in his accomplishments. He was a member of the 2008, 2009, and 2010 Lee All County Honor Bands on alto saxophone, and was a member of the 2010 and 2011 Lee All County Jazz Band on tenor saxophone. In March 2010, he earned the Alliance for the Arts Scholarship Award for his performance on tenor saxophone. Michael also participated in the University of Florida inaugural honor band festival, placing 1st chair in Symphonic Band on alto saxophone. Michael participated in the FBA Solo and Ensemble MPA and received the highest rating, Superior, on the tenor saxophone solo "Contest Caprice" by Ostransky during his junior year. Most recently, Michael performed on Soprano Saxophone and received a Superior rating on "Canzonetta" by Gabriel Pierne and qualified for the FBA State Solo and Ensemble MPA.

In addition to his musical accomplishments, Michael finds time to participate in the National Honor Society. He has been a member of NHS since his sophomore year.

Michael is an excellent student with a high potential for success in the field of music. He has a highly developed ear and deep dedication for music that sets him apart from his peers. In addition to his music, Michael is strong in his academic portfolio, maintaining a 3.52 un-weighted GPA in honors and AP courses. Michael is ready for the challenge of a college music degree. I offer my highest recommendation for Michael.

Sincerely,



Sarah Hamilton
Director of Bands
Mariner High School