

To Whom It May Concern,

I write this to bring your attention to candidate **Michael Yapello**. I have known Michael for four years and was fortunate to be his teacher for one of those years at Mariner HS. He ranks among the top 1% of musicians I have taught in my sixteen years of teaching high school bands, orchestras, and choirs in Ohio and Florida

Michael demonstrates all the characteristics that music educators strive to pass on to their students: dedication, patience, maturity, commitment, punctuality, preparation, and a strong sensation of musicianship. Michael has always worked to develop and hone his tremendous musical talent. He is self-directed with strong motivation to improve every time he picks up his saxophone.

Michael demonstrates mature interpersonal skills, which result in effective peer leadership. He is respected by students and teachers alike. His abundant and high quality music experiences in and out of the rehearsal halls at Mariner and in the greater SW Florida area have put him in a very select group of high school musicians.

Teaching and knowing Michael Yapello for the past four years enables me to be certain that he will continue to be highly successful in his college career. He will continue to emerge as the "leader of the class" no matter what college he chooses to attend.

Feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

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