

February 13, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

It is without hesitation that I wholeheartedly recommend Eva Chillura for SC Journalist of the Year. I have known Eva for the academic years 2018-2020 at Wando High School. Eva is so deserving of this award!



### Wando High School

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As Eva's Advanced Placement art history teacher, I can attest that Eva is one of the top students, both academically and socially, in the school setting. I first met Eva in my Advanced Placement Art History class. She presented herself as an outgoing, confident, creative, and poised student. AP Art History is a rigorous, college-level course that requires extreme dedication and self-discipline from students. It is a yearlong course that spans prehistoric to contemporary art; this is a vast span of art for any student to retain. Eva excelled in the course and made a top score on the AP Exam. Eva's work in class was consistent, thorough, and intellectually stimulating. Her written work was thought provoking and insightful and stood out among her counterparts. She treated every assignment as if it was a work of poetry, making thoughtful connections and providing sound reasoning for an opinion.

I often find that Advanced Placement students are hyper-focused on academics. Eva breaks that mold and demonstrates not only academic excellence, but also high levels of socialization through participation in many extra-curricular activities, both at school and within the community. Outside of school, Eva has served at a local, family-owned restaurant for over two years, which has given her great insight into the inner-workings of a business and allowed her to interact with the greater community. She has also worked in the free medical clinic at a local church and served as a translator (Spanish) for those whose second language is English. In school, Eva has been involved with the school's AP Academy Leadership Board in which she serves as a mentor to younger students, organizes events and lectures, etc. Eva has also served as staff writer (10<sup>th</sup>), associate editor (11<sup>th</sup>), and editor-in-chief (12<sup>th</sup>) for the school's award-winning newspaper, *Tribal Tribune*. Through these positions, she has worked tirelessly to help produce a state and nationally recognized newspaper. As editor-in-chief, she has spent 8+ hours per week helping to effectively manage a staff of 59 students to produce a quality paper that rivals our nation's top newspaper organizations. This dedication as a high school student truly speaks to Eva's drive and disciplined work ethic. And, if this doesn't speak enough about her truly passionate character, she has also played viola in a string orchestra for eight years. She has a healthy balance between academics, student life, and civic service. As Eva interacts with her peers and teachers alike, she demonstrates a kind and truly genuine interest in the lives of others. She **will** make a compassionate leader one day.

If you want a well-rounded and kind person to be the face and recipient of your scholarship, Eva Chillura is that person!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ashley Webb Wyrick".

Ashley Webb Wyrick  
Visual Arts Teacher, NBCT