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As a teacher of over 160 students per school year, it is rare to come across a student as remarkable as Eva Chillura. Eva's noteworthy accomplishments both at Wando High School and in the community, help identify her as an extremely strong candidate for SC Journalist of the Year.

As a student, Eva's knowledge, leadership, and critical thinking skills are among the best I have ever seen. I had the pleasure of teaching Eva in AP Human Geography during her freshman year. She is often the first one raising her hand to answer questions, give ideas, and volunteer to help others. Eva is a natural-born leader and goes out of her way to make sure everyone around her understands everything in class. Without any encouragement from me, Eva would regularly help students around her through complex and important concepts from class. Most impressive is Eva's ability to break down information so anyone can understand it.

Being the head of Wando's AP Academy has given me the opportunity to work with Eva since during her sophomore, junior, and senior years. She is not only a member, but Eva was honored with being selected as one of our AP Academy Student Leadership Board Members. The Leadership Board are leaders of our school and are known as some of our hardest working and accomplished students. Eva has been one of our best Board members and displays a maturity way beyond her years. Eva is always creative with her ideas for our Student Leadership Board. For example, she helped spearhead a new mentorship program that helps younger AP students understand how to navigate school and life while enrolled in the most rigorous courses Wando has to offer.

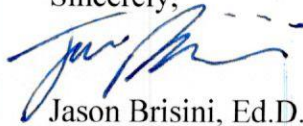
Eva's commitment to journalism is as exceptional as anyone I have met. From early in her freshmen year, Eva and I discussed various paths she could take in the journalism field. We had long discussions about the benefits of both Wando's newspaper and yearbook programs. Eva's understanding of both programs and ability to compare pros and cons was impressive. In the end, I think she made the best choice in joining our Tribal Tribune newspaper. She is a natural journalist who is always looking to tell interesting stories about anyone and everyone. She never ceases to amaze me in her ability to find the true story and significance in any situation.

I also had the pleasure of being Eva's driving instructor for a company unaffiliated with our school. Eva conducted herself in a mature and impressive way, meeting with me to schedule her lessons and test. Maturity in school is always a plus, but for Eva to show that same maturity on the roadway shows me she is ready to be an independent person.

Although very busy, Eva always manages to produce exceptional work in and out of the classroom. I have never met an individual as dedicated to everything she does. Eva is as talented as anyone I have ever met, and her work ethic is still second to none. Eva will never let anyone outwork her and is going to be successful in anything she wants to do in life.

It is obvious that Eva Chillura is an exceptional young lady. I highly recommend her for SC Journalist of the Year.

Sincerely,



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