

Claire Potter | Letter of Recommendation

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Claire Potter | 04/14/2004

As a coach for over a decade, I've been asked to write my fair share of letters of recommendations. Because of the sheer number of requests, I arrived at the point where I won't just write a letter for any student that asks. They need a track record of demonstrating that what I write about them is true. I trust they'll properly represent themselves when I attach my name and word to a reference about their character. Having said that, there was not a moment of hesitation in writing a letter of recommendation for Claire Potter. I am honored to write about Claire and highlight her accomplishments not just as a student-athlete, but as an outstanding young person. The first thing that jumps to mind about Claire is her easy-going nature and her unwavering optimism. Whenever I need a favor or need a job to get done, I call on Claire. She welcomes challenges and always aims to act with integrity. Despite the demanding schedule of four sport seasons, a heavily loaded AP schedule, and a slew of extracurricular clubs and activities, Claire stays on top of it all with an impressive GPA and an even more impressive attitude. From top finishes at the state level in skiing, to achieving Academic All-State honors, to working as a Head Lifeguard, Claire puts 100% effort into everything she does. Her success doesn't necessarily come from a place of natural talent or ability, but rather her commitment to hard work. She doesn't cut corners, pays attention to the little things, and perseveres through the hard work until she achieves what she set out to accomplish. She inspires teammates with her attitude. As a coach, I'm motivated by her leadership. And the best thing about Claire, even though she is one of the fastest kids on the ski team, is she cares more about shared success than individual success. Our Nordic ski team became a small community, bonded together through long, snowy bus rides and overcoming odds. Her "off-the-field" contributions to our ski community were as impactful, if not more so, than her athletic achievements. She is always offering to help out. From acting like a parent volunteer with collecting checks and registration forms, to helping me set-up and clean the ski equipment, to standing at the finish line to encourage and congratulate her peers, she embodies what it means to be an outstanding teammate. I'm proud to have her on the front lines representing our team, school district, and community. Her ability to manage, perform, and succeed at a high level in academics, athletics, and activities leaves no doubt in my mind that Claire Potter makes for an outstanding addition to your institution. Unequivocally, she'll bring the same passion— passion for success and passion for people— to your college community that I've had the pleasure to witness as her coach over the last nine years.

Sincerely, Kyle Steitz 970-846-4565