

DANIEL JOSEPH SIEGEL

Daniel is the quintessential student - AP Scholar with Honors (5's in Calculus AB, English Literature/Composition, Physics B, and U.S. History), National Merit Semi-finalist, excellent SAT scores, Maryland Distinguished Scholar Finalist, first place tie in the annual AAPT Physics Bowl, National Honor Society member, and recipient of numerous school Baccalaureate Awards for academic excellence in Bible, Honors Chemistry, Honors Jewish History, and Honors Spanish. His passion for learning has taken him to The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, where he served as a research assistant in the Department of Psychiatry in the study of personality traits and their relationships to anxiety disorders, and to the Hudson Institute in Washington, DC, where he served as an intern researching and analyzing the domestic and foreign policies of China and Iran. The letters he received from his supervisors were effusive in their praise of his work ethic, powerful intellect, curiosity, and professionalism far above his age.

Daniel's critical thinking is logical, reflective, and insightful. His written work was analytical, cogent, and disciplined. His thesis was well-developed, he gave in-depth attention to the complexities of the topic and to the use of supporting evidence, and his consideration of conflicting historical interpretations showed a level of sophistication, maturity, and subtlety rarely seen in an individual of this age. He worked well independently, was consistently well-prepared for class, and was a most valuable member of my class - articulate, persuasive, and respectful of differing opinions.

Daniel's character and personality are of the highest order. He is a modest, quietly self-assured, considerate, and independent young man with an engaging smile. His extracurricular activities include J.V. basketball (captain and MVP), Mathletes, the school literary journal, and piano. His great love is Tien Shan Pai Kung Fu, where he earned the rank of 1st Degree Black Belt, several medals in international and national competitions, and the position of full Instructor responsible for teaching students in the school, for which he has performed numerous volunteer services. His other community service has included working at the Ronald McDonald House and doing a variety of projects through our school's National Honor Society.

Daniel is a highly accomplished young man with a clear vision of what he wants to do. I recommend him most enthusiastically for his academic and personal promise.

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