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Please accept this letter of recommendation for one of our amazing seniors at Rock Hill High School, Grant Johnson, as he pursues his goal of being named the National Student Journalist of the Year. Throughout the past two years, I have had the privilege of getting to know Grant as we prepared to and eventually opened our high school during the 2020-2021 school year. Yes, you read that correctly, we opened a high school with over 2000 students in grades nine through twelve, in the middle of one the worst global pandemics in history. I can undoubtedly attest that Grant played a pivotal role in not only establishing our media center, but also our overall campus culture.

Throughout his career at Prosper High School and now at RHHS, Grant has set himself apart from other students which is evident by the numerous awards he has received through his involvement in the media teams at both campuses. Among his top honors are PHS and RHHS Student of the Month, All State Journalism Staff and he was named the Best Broadcast Talent in Texas from the Texas Association of Journalism Educators. Grant has also received acclaim for the many works that he has either led or been a part of on the media team at each campus.

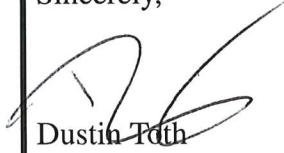
Grant is also active in several organizations and activities on campus and in our district. Currently, Grant is a member of the National Honor Society, National CTE Honor Society, Student Council, Principal and Superintendent's Leadership Council. Needless to say, Grant is simply exceptional.

Perhaps what I admire most about Grant is his desire to not only be the best he can be, but also how he pushes others to be better because of his leadership. As I stated earlier, we are a brand new high school. What I didn't mention was that our juniors and seniors were able to choose which high school they wanted to attend this year. Therefore, Grant had the option to stay at Prosper High School, but instead chose to come to Rock Hill to help build the foundation for an incredible media team. Therefore, there is no doubt that Grant's presence has made a remarkable impact on setting the standard for the broadcast team at RHHS. He simply will not settle for being average nor will he allow those around him to. He is just that type of leader and has already blazed a trail to leave his stamp on Rock Hill High School for years to come.

I have no doubt that there are several quality applicants for this distinction. However, I can assure you that there is no one more hard working, driven and passionate about their craft and pursuance of being an exceptional journalist than Grant. Moreover, there are few if any who have taken on the challenge of starting a brand new program from scratch in some of the most difficult circumstances imaginable.

It is for these reasons that I would highly recommend Grant to receive this honorable award. He has my highest recommendation and I truly appreciate your time and consideration of him for this award. Please feel free to contact me anytime for more information about this outstanding young man.

Sincerely,



Dustin Toth
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