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Phil Roarke, Principal

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To whom it may concern:

My name is Mike Riley and I have been the baseball coach at Willow Glen High School for the past seven years. I am writing this letter to recommend Chris Johnson as a student-athlete baseball player for any school that he chooses to apply for. Chris started his baseball career at Willow Glen three years ago on the F/S level and pitched for the Varsity team last year as a Junior so I feel I know Chris well enough to make this recommendation. Chris pitched well for us this past year and I have seen Chris progress this summer to where I think he will be one of the top pitchers in the league and the area this year. I also have observed Chris in the classroom as one of my students here at Willow Glen and know him to be a good student as well. Chris has had to work to get where he is in baseball and is the type of player anyone would want to coach. Chris is a great kid and would add as a player and person to any program.

I first saw Chris play and pitch in Little League over 10 years ago and I know him to be one of the top players in this area at his age level. I have seen him pitch many times and have been impressed with his knowledge of the art of pitching and knowledge of the game of baseball. Always the first person to practice and the last one to leave, I know Chris to be a tireless worker and a very good teammate. Chris has done a lot of off-season work this summer to be the best player possible for this upcoming season and I know he realizes that hard work is part of the baseball game at the college level. The work level in college will not scare him.

I was the Men's basketball coach at De Anza Community College for 10 years and all told, I have nearly 37 years in the coaching profession. I think that Chris will have a great year this season and make some college very happy with his talents next year.

If you have any questions, or if I can be of service in any way, please feel free to call me at on my cell phone at 408-828-4111.

Sincerely, Michael L. Riley

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