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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for McKenzie Leonard as excellent candidate for your university. McKenzie has studied in my classroom and laboratory at Roosevelt High School and Milliken Middle School as well as a volleyball athlete on my middle school team. In the five years I have known her, I have witnessed tremendous growth and development. This development has come not only in the area of scientific achievement and discovery, but in maturity and character as well.

As a student, McKenzie is very driven. She strives hard for perfection and always does her best work. McKenzie has faced many challenges in her life including losing her mother while still in middle school. While she could have allowed this experience to determine her fate, I watched as McKenzie used this experience to strive for excellence. McKenzie is a very selfless person as shown in her service to others. She is actively involved in the Front Range Exceptional Equestrians which allows people with disabilities to ride horses.

Within the classroom, McKenzie truly understands that she is in charge of her own education and is an active learner. In all the years I have known McKenzie I have never heard her complain. McKenzie is a very well-rounded student involved in a variety of activities including Educational Talent Search for 7 years, 4-H for 7 years, and volleyball for 7 years while maintaining a 3.67 GPA.

I highly recommend McKenzie Leonard as an excellent candidate for admission into your university. As her teacher, she has made me proud and I am sure will continue to do so. Please feel free to contact me if you need more information. You may reach me at (970) 587-6014 or at [botteman@weldre5j.k12.co.us](mailto:botteman@weldre5j.k12.co.us).

Sincerely,

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