To Whom It May Concern:

 I have known Devina Martinez for three years as her teacher at Catholic Central High School and now in my new role as the Head Coach for the University of Windsor Lancer Football Team. Over that period of time, Devina has displayed tremendous leadership both in the classroom and in the community. Devina is an individual of strong moral upbringing demonstrating great character in a variety of settings. She works tirelessly when given a task, while maintaining great credibility. I feel that our relationship over the past few years makes me an excellent reference for her outstanding personal qualities.

As a student, Devina was seen as a leader by her peers. She took time to build relationships with the other students and created several outreach projects to give back to her school and community. Devina’s initiative led to further communication and discussion groups throughout the school to improve servant leadership. She always encouraged inclusivity and fairness, yet was not afraid to call out a classmate who was not demonstrating proper behaviour. Devina was the type of person who could motivate classmates when things were going right, yet be the voice of calm and reason when the students faced adversity. It was this understanding of people that made Devina such an important member of the classroom and school community.

Devina currently serves our Lancer Football Program as the Community Outreach Coordinator. Devina takes initiative in organizing volunteer opportunities for our players to give back to the community. She is on the ground level making phone calls and creating contacts for our team’s benefit. If problems or issues arise within the program, I know that I can rely on Devina to come up with a solution or make a decision that is both fair and just. Devina is a true leader in that when she has been faced with making a difficult moral decision that is unpopular with many of her peers, she has risen to the occasion and made the right choice rather than the easy one.

Devina has been an excellent ambassador of Catholic Central High School, the University of Windsor and the Windsor-Essex community over the time I have known her. As a student and active member of the community, I can honestly say it has been my privilege to teach and learn from Devina Martinez.



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