

From: Danny Varat <DannyVarat@scstatehouse.gov>
To: Catherine McNicollCatherineMcNicoll@scstatehouse.gov
Date: 9/18/2017 3:39:32 PM
Subject: Re: Sydney Torbett - Letter of Recommendation

Just stylistic edits, you know me.

Dear Admissions Officer:

I am pleased to write a letter of recommendation for Ms. Sydney Torbett for admission to the University of South Carolina Honors College. It was a pleasure to meet this young woman after she was elected by her peers as the 71st Palmetto Girls State Lieutenant Governor.

Sydney challenges herself academically and will have completed seven Advanced Placement courses by the end of her senior year. Sydney also excels in the arts as a member of Show Choir since her freshman year and as Dance Captain in her junior year. She has also been active in her community theatre, earning the lead role in several productions. Her ability to balance academics and other activities demonstrates both diligence and discipline. These skills will serve her well at the University of South Carolina Honors College.

Sydney serves her community by participating in various youth leadership opportunities at Lexington United Methodist Church. She also serves the community by volunteering at the Epworth's Children's Home's Angel Wish Program and Give a Back Pack Mission. I trust that Sydney will bring this passion to serve to the community to the University of South Carolina Honors College.

I appreciate the University of South Carolina Honors College granting Sydney its full consideration, and I look forward to her enrollment at the University of South Carolina Honors College. I am confident in Sydney Torbett's ability to excel in your program.

From: Catherine McNicoll
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 3:33 PM
To: Danny Varat
Subject: RE: Sydney Torbett - Letter of Recommendation

Please see attached draft, the letters to other school would be the same just changing the school information.

Best Regards,
Catherine McNicoll
Director of Legal & Legislative Affairs
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From: Catherine McNicoll
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2017 1:20 PM
To: Danny Varat
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Best Regards,
Catherine McNicoll

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From: Danny Varat
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2017 1:19 PM
To: Catherine McNicoll <CatherineMcNicol@scstatehouse.gov>
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You're doing this one, right?

From: Tricia0607 <tricia0607@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2017 3:51 PM
To: Danny Varat
Subject: Sydney Torbett - Letter of Recommendation

Danny,

See below for detailed information on Sydney Torbett's letter of recommendation! Please let me or her mom (Lori/email below) know if you need anything else!

Can't thank you enough! She's a special child and we hope to keep her in Columbia to do great things!

Hope to see you soon!

Tricia

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Lori Torbett <Lori@Torbettinc.com>
Date: September 7, 2017 at 2:11:38 PM EDT
To: "tricia0607@aol.com" <tricia0607@aol.com>
Subject: Sydney Torbett - Letter of Recommendation

Tricia, here is Sydney's academic background/accomplishments as well as her extracurricular activities , etc.. Let me know what else you need from us. Sydney is applying to several schools and would love a letter that just addresses an admissions dept. or a general reference, but would love it if they could address a few of them specifically to those schools if at all possible. She would love it if she could receive the letters by September 25th.

USC Honors College (which is her first choice)
University of South Carolina
University of North Carolina

ACADEMICS:

- Straights A's throughout entire academic career
- Including senior year, Syd will have completed 7 AP (advance placement/college level) courses. The four she has taken thus far she has scored a 4 or a 5 (3 is passing) on the final exam which made her an AP scholar award winner
- National Honor Society Member

-She was chosen as an Academic Marshall and escorted the teaching staff during last years graduation ceremony

-She is currently in top 2% of a 465 senior class and has already been awarded the Palmetto Fellows scholarship

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

DECA

-Sydney joined DECA junior year and began competing in the Apparel and Accessories Marketing individual role play. She won first place at the Regional competition, first place at the State competition and placed top 30 at the International Competition in California.

-Currently Sydney is VP of marketing on the DECA leadership team

GIRLS STATE

-Sydney was elected into County Council and Senate at Palmetto Girls State but her most proud moment was when her peers elected her as the 71st Palmetto Girls State Lieutenant Governor.

-Sydney has ridden in the Gilbert Peach Festival Parade and is planning to ride in Irmo's Okra Strut Parade on September 30th.

SHOW CHOIR

-Sydney auditioned and joined Show Choir her freshman year, was chosen as "Dance Captain" junior year and attended a week long choreography camp in Ohio to teach class curriculum throughout the year

MUSICAL THEATRE

-Sydney has been active in community theatre since 10 years old.

Leading roles in Community Theatre as well as school productions include:

Jamin in "Alladin Jr."

Millie in "Thoroughly Modern Millie"

Sleeping Beauty in "Sleeping Beauty"

Dorothy in "The Wizard of Oz"

Eva in "Bring it On"

Cinderella in "Into the Woods"

GOVERNORS SCHOOL

-Sydney auditioned and was chosen to attend Governors School in the two week Discovery Drama Program her Freshman year

SPORTS

-Sydney played basketball her freshman year, was asked to speak at the year end banquet where she was awarded the Coaches Award

-Sydney participated in cross country her sophomore year

CHURCH

-Sydney is extremely active in her youth group at Lexington United Methodist Church.

-She is in youth council and created the theme for this past years curriculum, leads bible study groups and preached during youth Sunday

-Sydney has lead the storytelling portion of Bible School for the past 2 years and also directed the Children's Christmas Program last year

-Sydney does community service with her mother for Epworth's Children's Home's "Angel Wish Program" at Christmas and the "Give Backpack" mission in the summer.

- She also helps the youth group with service projects such as Snack Sacks and donating her time to LICS.

-Sydney has been on the Homecoming Court all 3 years of high school and is currently nominated again for her senior year.

WORK

-Sydney works part-time at Handpicked, a local jewelry boutique. She started out as a fashion consultant but just recently got promoted to key holder.

Thank you so much for passing on this information so that they can get a good idea of Sydney's hard work and dedication to everything she does. More important than anything...she is an old soul with a heart of gold.

Let me know if you need anything else! Thanks again Xoxo

Lori Torbett

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