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To Whom It May Concern:

As a professor at Florida Community College for 30 years, I am familiar with the quality of today's fine young people and therefore, I am able to recognize a truly outstanding individual, **Michael Walter**. I have known Michael for almost two decades and have proudly watched as he grew into the caring and concerned young man he is today. He has achieved at a high academic level, he is a leader in his school environment, he is in the forefront of the technological field, and he is deeply concerned with his fellow human beings.

Michael is a scholar. At times I would see him shoot a few baskets in his backyard; however, it was only a brief break from his studies. The Bishop Kenny High School Scholar's Award and the Honor Roll Recognition indicate his priority is academics.

Michael always has had the respect of his peers. At Bishop Kenny High School, they have elected him to positions of leadership at all levels of his schooling. Michael is not just a leader, he is also a hard worker who recognizes that work is the prerequisite to leadership.

His technological skills have been a bridge to help others. Michael formed a friendship with a young man who has multiple sclerosis which makes movement difficult. Slowly, step by step, hour by hour, Michael created and built a customized computer that allowed the young man to enter the electronic world. Thus, when one looks at his resume, one sees only the tip of his volunteer activities--Special Olympics, American Cancer Society. Michael's caring is a one-on-one situation.

I'm proud of Michael Walter. We in his neighborhood, we who know him and have watched him grow, we are all proud of him and hold him in the highest esteem. It is an honor to write this letter of recommendation. However, the real honor is in knowing him.

Sincerely yours,

Edna Saffy