

Applicant Number: 4

Birthdate: 10/14/2003

Relation to chamber: ~~An employee of a Chamber member.~~

Affiliated business: The Daily Scoop

High school: Malden Catholic High School

Number of students in your family: 0

Special circumstance:

College/University attending in the fall: Providence College
1 Cunningham Square Providence, RI, 02918

Estimated annual costs: 75,000:

Activities:

Boys Hockey 2010-2020 (Organizations: Stoneham Hockey, Shamrocks Hockey, Malden Catholic Hockey)

Boys Baseball 2019-2020 (Malden Catholic)

Boys Swimming 2021-2022 (Malden Catholic: State Championship qualifier)

Student Council; Secretary 2021-2022

National Honor Society, member, 2020-2022

Spanish National Honor Society 2021-2022

Saint Francis Xavier Scholarship Program (Malden Catholic) Vice President, 2019-2022

Corn Hole Club, President, Founder 2021-2022

Spanish Club, Senior Officer, 2021-2022

School Spirit Club, Senior Officer, 2021-2022

Awards:

National Spanish Exam Silver Medal, May 2021

National Spanish Exam Gold Medal May 2022

Headmaster's List (highest honors) 2018-2022

Top 10 of my Graduating Class

Employment + Internships:

Target, Seasonal Fulfillment Expert, June-September 2020

Boys and Girls Club Community Boating, crew
member, June- September 2021

The Daily Scoop, shift leader, 2021- present



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The Codivisional High School

April 13, 2022

To the Members of the Stoneham Chamber Scholarship Committee:

I am very pleased to write to you on behalf of [REDACTED] a wonderful young man I am teaching this year in Advanced Placement Spanish IV. I also taught [REDACTED] last year in my pre-AP Junior Honors Spanish III class. He has asked me for this letter because he is seeking a scholarship for his freshman year in the fall. I am happy and honored to help [REDACTED] and his family.

[REDACTED]'s performance in my class has been characterized by his consistent and exemplary achievement, combined a genuine determination to excel. Highly self-motivated, he has dedicated himself to academic excellence throughout our time together and is a role model among a highly competitive and talented senior class.

During his junior year with me, [REDACTED] consistently earned grades in the mid- nineties. Last year was not an easy one. Due to the pandemic, Malden Catholic adopted a hybrid model which combined days of in person learning with remote instruction. Despite the challenges of this system, the students in this honors class rose to the occasion. The emphasis of the course is the acquisition of vocabulary and the use of grammatical accuracy through guided practice. The four skills of language learning; speaking, reading, writing, and listening comprehension, are practiced daily, and assessed frequently. Throughout his junior year and now, as a senior, [REDACTED] impresses me with his consistency and overall excellence. A strong and gifted writer, his work demonstrates excellent grammatical accuracy, ease of expression and organization. All his work, be it daily homework, tests, or a response to formal and informal writing prompts show evidence of [REDACTED]'s creativity, his innate skill, and a profound level of comprehension. Thoughtful and prepared, he commits himself to doing his best daily. I have witnessed great growth in his oral proficiency and his listening comprehension during our time together. He has become much more comfortable and confident in his ability to express himself with fluency and to decipher complex, native Spanish in written and spoken form. As evidence of his achievement and proficiency in the language, [REDACTED] earned a "medalla de plata", a silver medal, for his excellent grade of 85 in the spring of his junior year on the National Spanish examination, a rigorous on-line test administered throughout the country to over one hundred and forty thousand native and non-native Spanish speakers. I was very proud of this noteworthy achievement.

This year [REDACTED] has chosen to take AP Spanish Language and Culture with me. Our class is comprised of only eleven native and non-native high achieving young men. Each are expected to contribute fully every day. It is a fast paced, intensive course which meets daily and is equivalent to a fifth semester college course. Authentic materials are read, discussed, and analyzed and the target language is used exclusively. The students in my AP classes are motivated to perform well on the exam. Historically ninety- eight percent of my students have passed the AP exam. Approximately ninety-five percent

receive scores of a four or five out of a possible five on the test. Because he has done such marvelous work thus far, with a current grade of 94, I fully expect [REDACTED] to achieve similar success on the exam in May.

A transfer student who came to us in the fall of his sophomore year, [REDACTED] quickly adapted to the academic rigors of Malden Catholic and he has proven the depth of his intellect and has also demonstrated his great appetite for intellectual challenge from his first day here. This year, [REDACTED] is currently taking two Advanced Placement courses and is maintaining high grades in both. In total, [REDACTED] has taken five advanced placement courses. He has surely prepared himself for the rigors of a demanding college program.

Beyond our classroom acquaintance, I know that [REDACTED] is deeply involved in the extracurricular life of Malden Catholic High School. A member of the **National Honor Society**, he has earned consistently high grades throughout his time here. [REDACTED] will soon be inducted into the **Spanish National Honor Society**, la Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica, for his four-year average of ninety or above and his sustained excellence and interest in the Spanish language and culture. He was also selected as a member of our Saint Francis Xavier program, a group of our finest students who experience a variety of college preparedness opportunities. In addition to his academic achievements, [REDACTED] also contributes significantly to the extracurricular life here at Malden Catholic High School. He is a two-sport varsity athlete, playing hockey and baseball, and his coaches call him an athlete of superior ability, great heart, and good humor. He is a vital member of the Sports Debate Club and the Investment Club, where he showcases his quick wit and amiability. Throughout the school year, [REDACTED] has held a job, working at a local ice cream shop. Along with this part time position, this summer, he also worked for the boys and girls club, teaching inner city children to sail.

An incredibly genial young man, [REDACTED] is respected and well-liked by his classmates, teammates, and the faculty. Along with his strong intellect, excellent work habits and diverse talents, his greatest strength lies in his winning personality. A genuinely warm and kind-hearted young man, [REDACTED] quick wit, self-effacing humor and upbeat nature make him a special favorite.

Conscientious, mature, humble, intelligent, and cooperative, [REDACTED] brings a wonderful warmth and brightness everywhere he goes. I recommend him as a recipient of your scholarship with greatest pride and utmost enthusiasm. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Maria Crotty
Chairperson
Department of Foreign Languages
Malden Catholic High School

I believe that the strength of a community is not measured by the size of its population, but rather by the quality of its people and their willingness to serve those around them. More importantly, it is demonstrated through the selfless commitment of its members to the well-being and improvement of the community as a whole. With this being said, I can firmly attest to the strength of the Stoneham community—my community.

I am proud to say that I am a member of the Stoneham community as it has fostered me and helped me develop into the man I am today. The community has inspired me to take initiative in my life and it has presented me with incredible opportunities that I could have never found elsewhere. Accordingly, I strive to give back to the community and follow in the footsteps of those who so selflessly helped me.

For example, my family and I enjoy assisting in the town's Memorial Day services. Annually, in remembrance of those who served our country, we place flags at the graves of deceased veterans at the local Lindenwood and Saint Patrick Cemeteries. Additionally, I enjoy assisting in the preparation of the Memorial Day Parade, which includes decorating floats, preparing the town hall, and even walking in the actual parade.

Looking forward, I hope to continue serving and enhancing my community. Over the past year, I have been lucky enough to work at the Daily Scoop on Main Street under John Amentola, a member of the Chamber of Commerce. My employment has provided me with critical insight into the operations of a small business and has allowed me to interact with countless members of the community. Though they are customers, I enjoy meeting these members of the community and putting a smile on their faces through my work.

Recently, the Daily Scoop has started experimenting with new menu items to offer healthier options like smoothies and customizable protein shakes. Not only will this change

benefit the Daily Scoop as it will now be able to accommodate a much wider range of customers, but this will also provide customers with the opportunity to enjoy a treat other than ice cream. In light of this expansion, I aspire to partner with John and the Daily Scoop in the future to open a gym. The gym would be named "Frontpage Fitness" and it would provide members with a clean and safe environment to exercise with the option of enjoying a healthy smoothie or protein shake after their workout. Additionally, to incentivize joining Frontpage Fitness, membership would include a free smoothie or shake twice a week. This change could see serious profits for both operations, as it would be innovative, and offer the Stoneham community an enticing opportunity.

I will be attending Providence College next fall for business. I am confident that college will sharpen my knowledge and provide me with the skills I will need to enhance my communities and the world.