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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to recommend Michaela Murphy for a position within your organization.

I am Connor Galleher, notably her cousin, but also a Senior Process Engineer at Genomatica, a sustainable materials company. And coming with those titles come a few implications. One – that I have known Michaela her entire life, and two – that I have seen many young professionals take their first steps from school into industry. Therefore, I can confidently say that she not only possesses the maturity and skills needed for this transition, but she has a long term track record to back it up.

Growing up, Michaela was a dedicated student with an incredible amount of focus. Complementing her ability to excel in an individual context is her achievements on the soccer field, where her and her team competed at the highest levels of club soccer in California. This team in question started in elementary school and stayed together through high school, and the friendships formed are there to this day. From this, it is easy to see that Michaela has the ability to see the big picture and work with others to meet group objectives. It also shows that she is coachable, a key trait needed when starting a new job. After high school, Michaela received her B.S. in Exercise Physiology at California State University, Chico (one of the top 10 in the state!). She is now attending Santa Ana College to attend their Occupational Therapy Program and is an officer of the local Student Occupational Therapy Association chapter (as historian). Also notable, is that she is attending this school in Orange County, while living in south San Diego county, maintaining her commitments to school and family.

If I were to distill Michaela to one word, it would be “*grit*”. Not to discount her raw talents, which run aplenty, but if she at first does not know, or cannot do something, she becomes an unstoppable force until she achieves her goals. This growth mindset is not only impressive, but necessary for someone starting their career. The fierceness with which she tackles challenges is balanced with her compassion for others, and she understands that the best way to go far is together, with a team. There is no doubt in my mind that hiring Michaela will bring no regrets. Please reach out if you would like me to elaborate any further.

Best,

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