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Counselor Recommendation for Jeremiah Isaak Bonnet The Michael C. Rothberg September 11th Memorial Scholarship

Jeremiah Bonnet has wanted to be a brain surgeon his entire life. It wasn't until his sophomore year of high school that his family started to believe that he actually could achieve that goal. Growing up, Jeremiah played every sport he could, competing with his older brother as a runner. He fell in love with the sport of soccer, and while he dreamed of being an Olympic sprinter or playing soccer professionally, it was his interest in medicine that never wavered. I vividly remember Jeremiah stopping by my office during his freshman year. He informed me of his desire to study neuroscience, and asked if the two of us could continue to meet from time to time. As he left my office, he extended his hand for a handshake. It's how he leaves every meeting. Shaking my hand. When Jeremiah turned in his course selections for sophomore year, before shaking my hand and thanking me for my time, I noticed the honors-laden schedule he'd selected. Knowing that Jeremiah was a three-season athlete, held a part-time job, and volunteered with a few school clubs, I cautioned him on being over-ambitious, especially considering Sharon High's notoriously rigorous curricula. He politely thanked me for my concern, and told me that the second his grades slipped, his mother would pull him from athletics. He didn't want to be pulled from athletics, so Jeremiah figured he'd have to work as hard as it took to earn A's and B's. That would be his motivation for taking an extremely rigorous course load. That, and the fact that Jeremiah has been laser-focused on college admissions. Truthfully, motivation and ambition have never been lacking. Jeremiah works hard. He has enviable time management and study skills, and does it all while keeping a very busy schedule. Last year, Jeremiah earned a coveted volunteer position at Boston Medical Center (BMC). This experience has completely reinforced what he already knew – Jeremiah wants to be a doctor. The day that he gained access to the emergency room at BMC was one of the most exciting days of his life. He is well suited for the field of medicine, understands fully what it takes to become a surgeon, as well as the path to get there. In the meantime, Jeremiah is working hard as a high school senior. In addition to taking three AP courses, he continues to work as a cashier at Shaw's grocery store, volunteers at BMC, and recently brought back the Black Student Union – a club that disbanded a few years ago that Jeremiah felt needed to be revived for his grade as well as the underclassmen. Never knowing his father has been a wound Jeremiah has carried, but one from which he garners strength and gratitude. Jeremiah is one of the kindest, most affable students I've worked with in a long time, and I truly believe that he has boundless potential. I sincerely hope that you too will be able to shake his hand soon, and it is with my highest recommendation possible that I write this letter on his behalf.

More about Jeremiah:

- After taking numerous courses at the honors level, including Honors American Studies/English, Honors American Studies/Social Studies, Honors Biology, Honors Print & Digital Journalism, Honors Spanish, Honors English, and Honors World History, Jeremiah elected to take a rigorous senior schedule that includes AP Spanish, AP Biology, AP Psychology, Calculus, Honors English, and Honors Anatomy &

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Physiology, which is arguably one of the toughest courses at Sharon High School. He has made Honor Roll multiple times throughout high school.

- Jeremiah has been contributing articles to our school newspaper The Talon since his freshman year. He had a tough choice to make with his schedule this year. He very much wanted to take another full year of the Honors Journalism course, but it unfortunately conflicted with the Honors Anatomy & Physiology course. He has been invited to continue contributing articles despite not being in the class formally.
- In addition to volunteering at Boston Medical Center, Jeremiah also volunteers for Habitat for Humanity, and has been participating in the weekend home builds on and off throughout high school.
- Jeremiah is the Co-Leader of the Black Student Union, and is passionate about his role as a mentor to other black students in our school.
- As a member of the Red Cross Club, Jeremiah has donated blood for the American Red Cross, as well as taking part in clothing drives and other initiatives for disaster relief.
- Jeremiah has played four years of varsity high school soccer, playing both striker and wing.
- Jeremiah runs both winter and spring track & field. He is a sprinter in both individual events and medley relays and competes in the long jump. Last year, he competed in the state tournament as a long jumper.
- For the past 1 ½ years, Jeremiah has worked as a cashier at Shaw's grocery store. In addition to his cashier duties, he also stocks shelves, bags groceries, and trains new employees.

Outside of school, Jeremiah is simply an enthusiast. He has a passion for music, hiking, trail running, and movies. He loves to write and devour books of all kinds. He has a passion for people – he loves to meet new people and has an incredible ethic of care for others. He is warm, friendly, and of course, fiercely intelligent. Jeremiah will be attending New York University in the fall, and every dollar matters as he works toward his dream of being a physician. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss Jeremiah's application further.

Sincerely,



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