

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Nicholas Burlingame, Head Basketball Coach at Lakeland High School. I am writing on behalf of one of the most influential student-athletes I have ever had the opportunity to coach. Jayce has been a player of mine, since I was hired at Lakeland, two years ago. Throughout the last couple of years, I have had the opportunity to not only coach Jayce, but build a relationship with him. Jayce is very hard working and always puts the team before himself. On the floor, he helped lead our team to the most wins our program has had in 10 seasons. Jayce is a great player but he is one of the most genuine people I have ever met. He is the type of player every coach dreams of coaching. He cares about his teammate's success and well-being before his own. He is the first player to be in the gym for practice and is one of the last to leave. He is the very definition of a leader. He leads by example, he leads vocally, he holds others accountable, and he strives to push everyone to reach their fullest potential.

Our program prides itself on giving uncommon effort in the classroom and on the floor, having a united mindset by supporting other student-athletes, and by being servant leaders. We believe these three qualities will create a culture of success for our student-athletes. Jayce has displayed these qualities in all areas of his life. In the classroom, he has earned a 3.6 GPA and is ranked 18th in his class. He is a great example of what it means to be a student-athlete. I am honored to have had the opportunity, to not only coach him, but to have him part of my life.

Sincerely,

Coach Burlingame