

Selection Committee,

I have had the pleasure of coaching Walker Wright on the varsity lacrosse team for four seasons and have seen him grow from a scrappy freshman to a leader of young men. Walker is hard working, leads by example, and has a very high level of internal perseverance.

Walker made the varsity roster as a freshman due to his play on the field and maturity as a young man. We knew that playing JV would not serve Walker as he needed to be challenged; however, varsity would be a difficult opportunity as this would come with a lot of hard work and little on field playing time. Walker would learn from a strong senior class to make himself a better player and leader for the future of the team but would have to scratch and claw to get on the field. Right as Walker was hitting his stride, C-19 abruptly shut down our season and he would not get an opportunity to prove himself on the field until his sophomore year.

At the start of his sophomore season, it was very clear we made the correct decision of putting Walker varsity the year prior as he was having a fantastic sophomore season on the field as a player and as a leader until an injury slowed him down. Walker would have to sit out but his spirit never wavered and he was still there every day for his team. He came back from injury after spring break and immediately scored a game winning goal. Walker finished the season strong and we were all awaiting a very strong junior season led by Walker's play and leadership.

Tragedy struck our program in the summer between Walker's sophomore and junior seasons as one of his teammates suddenly passed away that July. This shook our program to the core as this player wasn't only an amazing player and young man but was the foundational leader of our team which left a huge vacuum of leadership when we took the field again in October. We had no idea who would step up and be there for their teammates but Walker stepped in and was a leader when the team needed it most. A rising tide raises all ships and Walker became a cornerstone of that rising tide. He was having a great season until the second half was stolen from him by a car wreck where he injured his arm. Even though Walker couldn't finish the year on the field, he continued to be that rising tide and was there for his teammates in such a way that he actually earned player of the game honors in one game from his sideline contributions.

Walker has a never say quit attitude, and even though he has faced a large amount of adversity throughout his career, it has not dimmed his light and has only made him a better teammate. He is currently having an outstanding senior football season and kicked the game winning field goal with no time on the clock in the season opener. There is nothing that can keep this young man down. He has proven to be hard working, full of perseverance, and a true leader we can all count on. I recommend him in the highest regard for your institution and am confident you are getting a fantastic young man inside and outside of the classroom.

Best Regards,  
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