



An Education in the Franciscan Tradition

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to provide this general letter of recommendation for Michael Murphy, at his request. I have known Michael for more than six years, and I think highly of him.

Michael and I met during the process of his admission to Alvernia University. At that time, I served as Vice President for University Life and Dean of Students. I was immediately impressed by Michael's high levels of commitment, energy, and integrity, and my initial impressions have been reinforced many times over the years. His transcripts from Alvernia, at which he earned his bachelor's degree, and St. Joseph's University, at which he earned his master's degree, obviously attest to his scholarly achievements. I am happy to be able to personally confirm his impact on the youth of our community through the tennis-based leadership and character development program he has led, having had the privilege of addressing his participants several years ago, at Michael's invitation. My observations of the young people in his charge led me to believe that the aforementioned levels of commitment, energy, and integrity were being strongly fostered in those young people through both Michael's pedagogy and his personal example.

I recommend Michael for the positive consideration of any organization with which he seeks affiliation. I believe he will be as much a credit to such an organization as he has been to Alvernia University.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Joseph J. Cicala'.

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