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Subject: FW: HD hardship appeal--confidential

August 17, 2015

Dear Metro League Hardship Committee,

I am writing to ask that you grant the hardship request of Jesuit student Harrison Dreyer, '18. Harrison's case is a bit unusual in that he is not really a transfer student, although the OSAA considers him to be one.

The situation: Harrison struggled during his freshman year, 2015-16, with a pretty significant technology addiction that manifested itself most dramatically at home. Without going into all the painful particulars, the family decided on March 14, 2015 to do an intervention and send Harrison to Second Nature, a wilderness-therapy school in Utah. Harrison lived in the Utah desert for almost three months and came a long way. He "took" four .25 credit classes, but the main focus was on getting healthy.

Because his parents formally withdrew Harrison from Jesuit, and because Second Nature is an accredited institution, the OSAA considers him a transfer student. After his successful work last spring and summer, Harrison is ready to return to Jesuit for his sophomore year. Harrison is a JV-level cross-country runner who would like to rejoin his teammates.

Therapeutically, exercise and social connectedness will be good for Harrison's continued trajectory toward good health.

Thanks for considering. I hope you will grant this hardship request.



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