

I write this letter of explanation on behalf of Curtis Monken. Curtis has had a very tough childhood, especially in the past year. He has been through way more than any kid should ever have to! He has been homeless, his grandma who was his main supporter passed away, and he has dealt with other tragic family situations.

Curtis is a great kid who is very respectful and is doing well considering his situation. He isn't meeting satisfactory progress towards graduation with 8 credits as a Junior. He also failed to pass 5 classes last semester as he only passed 4.

Curtis is now in a more stable situation than he's been in for several years and has had a great start to the school year. Curtis would be a JV player in our football program and isn't an impact player. However, I feel that being able to be a part of something positive, and the positive relationships that Curtis could build as a result of football, could be instrumental in him getting back on track.

Curtis has talked with his counselor and would be able to graduate on time if he passes his classes and takes two summer school classes. If this request is granted I would personally track his grades weekly to ensure he is passing all classes.

I fully support this hardship appeal and feel that Curtis will be successful moving forward at Putnam.

Sincerely,

Jesse Eveland

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Stacy Sage and I am the mother of Curtis Monken, also known as CJ. The last couple of years have been a real struggle for our family. My mother was really close with my kids and she recently passed away from an embolism. The only male role model my kids have is my uncle, which has suffered two heart attacks. My Cousin Lisa died of cancer at the age of 35, only a year older than I.

Aside from all of that, my family had to move into a family shelter last year due to homelessness. From there we went into transitional housing and now we are staying with friends of mine. Times have been very hard to say the least, especially on my children. Sometimes I think CJ feels very alone. The one thing he really looks forward to is football, it's the only time I see him being a kid again. Being on a team and having coaches depending on him makes him feel good & important. It also brings a sense of balance in his life and I'm not sure where CJ would end up without football right now.

CJ is really looking forward to a fresh new start this year at Putnam, where he can get the help he needs to get his

education back on track. His goal is to graduate and then join the marine Corp. We both are looking forward in working with Putnam on completing this overall goal with CJ.

I'm asking if you guys will give CJ a chance to play football, by putting him on academic probation. This will also give him another reason to want to try harder and get back on track. Please don't take away my son's chance of playing football.

Thank you,

Jeff M. Sy

Dear Athletic Director I'm here to talk about me last year.

There are a lot of reasons why my grades were the way they were. One reason was that my grandma passed away only a year ago. And she was very important to me. I very love her very much, she took care of me ever sense I was just a little kid.

I try to forget about her death but I just can't.

And my mom has been taking care of me and my little brother for 16 years know we have no father, and it's just been hard on me for awhile now.

It's just not the same with a mom as it is with a father.

Also we have been homeless the past two years now we had to go thru transition housing thru the Annie Ros' Housing. And it's just been hard doing school and worrying about life and just living.

We have been waited before last year

~~we have to live with my friend until my mom gets back on her feet.~~

The reason why I love to play football is that I don't have to worry about all of that on the field.

Sincerely, Curtis Menken
(CJ)