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Tom,

I'm writing this letter on behalf of Nicholas Bustamante. Nicholas was a student at Hosanna Christian his freshmen year. During his time at Hosanna he struggled with academics due to a dysfunctional home life and his lack of discipline. Because of the situation Nicholas was put into a homeschooling situation that did not work because of lack of structure. Last school year he was homeless moving from house to house just for a place to stay and maybe a meal. Because of this, several families at Hosanna have worked to get him back on track.

At the beginning of this school year Nicholas was not on track for graduation due to the move to homeschooling his sophomore year that did not work and his lack of effort his first year. At the end of last school year he was 3 credits short of being on track for graduation. At that time I told him he needed to finish all three online classes that I had set up for him during the summer, he only finished ½ of the 3 courses due to working long hours on a farm. I told him I would file for a hardship when he got to 17 credits. It cost him his senior year in football and maybe more but he now understands he is a student first and that graduation is our goal. He has been focused on getting caught up, and is now at 17 credits. He is taking 5 classes at school along with 4 online classes. If he continues at this pace he will be able to graduate this year.

Like most teenagers he needs some form of motivation and with him it is sports. For him to succeed sports need to be part of the solution; it is what motivates him. The adults around him are concerned about him as a person and student and have come along side him to keep him on track and motivated.

Even though I'm a Head Administrator now there was a time in my life where I was homeless living in my car. My parents divorced when I was 16 and neither one of them wanted me. I spent the last 2 years of high school living in my car in the school parking lot; the one thing that got me through that tough time was sports. Every day when I didn't feel like going on it was the desire to not let my team down, and the feeling that my teammates and coaches cared about me that kept me going; this is where Nicholas is in his life.

I hope that I have shared the importance of this hardship. If you have any questions feel free to contact me, thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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