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To Whom It May Concern:

When Cristiano Palazzo asked me to write a letter in testament of his character and ability in hopes of being a part of your institution and football program, I could not be more proud that he selected me. I have had the pleasure of working with Cristiano the last four years, while teaching and coaching at Heritage High School in Littleton, Colorado. Based on Cristiano's strong moral fiber and determination in all endeavors, I whole-heartedly recommend Cristiano as the ultimate addition to any school and football team.

Although blessed with natural intelligence and physical talent, Cristiano was still the hardest worker in the classroom (3.95 GPA) and on the field of competition. He asks intuitive questions and possesses a drive to gain as much knowledge and skill as possibly in all situations. It was amazing to see a young man that was not only aware of his strengths and weaknesses, but able to adapt the way he attacked challenges because of this awareness. Cristiano is a leader in academia and in the football program at Heritage. He **WILL NOT** be outworked and puts full focus and energy into all that he does. Cristiano's intestinal fortitude drives him to continually improve in all areas of his life, including his success in academia. I have never seen Cristiano satisfied in his successes. He possesses a rare hunger to focus on and reach the next pinnacle once he is atop the current. This is continually demonstrated as Cristiano has realized numerous accomplishments while being a tremendous student-athlete at Heritage High School.

Cristiano has maintained an incredible GPA while challenging himself with 3 AP and 5 Honors courses. Additionally, he is the fastest current athlete at Heritage with a second best all-time 40 yd. dash (4.72 seconds). He was named All-League defensive back in 2019 and is nationally recognized as one of the best kickers in the 2021 class.

I have been blessed with two daughters, but naturally, have always desired a son. The characteristics and attitude I would hope to see develop in my own son, I see in Cristiano Palazzo. He has been like that son to me. I am so proud of his steadfast work ethic and fortitude in academics as well as athletics. Cristiano is and always will be the exemplary person that best represents the vision and path of any program that he is involved with. All the accolades in the world are a very distant second to the man that Cristiano Palazzo has and will grow to become. Bottom line; Cristiano Palazzo WILL leave a great impact on Earth.

I strongly recommend Cristiano Palazzo as a "must have" addition to your football program and institution. The strongest statement I can make is that Cristiano is the type of young man that I pray my daughters will marry someday. If you have any further questions, feel free to contact me at 720-244-5364.

Sincerely,

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