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Dear College Admittance Committee:

It gives me great pleasure to give my highest recommendation for admittance to Shivam Gupta. Shivam is a brilliant young man and is in the 99th percentile of clarinet students I have had the pleasure to mentor over the past 60 years. He is always eager to learn and can prepare difficult musical assignments at an extremely high level. He is a brilliant academic student and applies his critical learning and analytical skills to his clarinet playing on a regular basis.

For the past two years that I have known him, Shivam has shown consistent musical growth and dedication and has been able to participate in several college summer band camps that required challenging entrance auditions. He has consistently improved his level of playing and maintains a passion and dedication to the field of music. During his lessons, I enjoyed discussing with him music theory and music history as it pertains to his clarinet performance and growth. He exhibited his ability to work with me thoughtfully and collaboratively at extremely high levels. His intellectual curiosity and passion for music is always evident during his lessons and I am continually amazed at his ability to comprehend advanced musical concepts and enjoy working on them with him!

Shivam has won several awards in the Texas and national music competitions, is a two-time national awards winner in the US Academic Decathlon and is a silver and bronze medalist in HOSA state and international conference respectively.

Shivam is an extremely mature young man and is committed to achieve the highest academic levels possible. He is resilient, extremely competent musically, a delight to teach and an excellent communicator. Shivam is a brilliant, motivated, academically disciplined, and intellectually curious student. He is highly admired by his peers and always ready to assist others in a highly respectful and kind manner. In short, Shivam is an absolute gem!

Sincerely,

Chester Rowell, BM, MM, Performers Certificate in Clarinet,
Eastman School of Music, University of Rochester,
Affiliate Artist in Clarinet, Moores School of Music, University of Houston,
Houston Ballet Orchestra (Retired)