



# Shepherd High School



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To whom it may concern,

It is a privilege and blessing to write this letter of recommendation for Katie Hartupee Malett. Over the course of three years, Katie has been a student of mine in the art department. In the art courses she has taken, I have witnessed these characteristics and skills in Katie: eager to learn, creative thinker, problem solver, hard at work and approachable. Her ability to take responsibility, being proactive in her own growth of academics, is the biggest area of growth I can see in Katie. She sees her abilities and desires to expound on them both inside and outside the classroom.

Beyond the classroom, Katie has participated as an athlete on the cross country and track and field teams at Shepherd High School. In her experience as an athlete, Katie has learned how to overcome physical trauma. She has had surgeries on her hip from injuries that she has been faced with and still faces today. In my conversations with Katie I have only heard her positive speech working through her injuries. I have also heard her constantly supporting her friends and teammates as they continued to complete when she was unable to. This demonstrates to me that Katie is a true teammate and friend, a leader amongst her fellow athletes.

I am grateful and thankful to have had Katie as an art student at Shepherd High School because the art department has been better for it. What I have truly enjoyed the most is her studious mind, determination to rise above challenges, and her kind spirit. She is a helper to anyone in the classroom and exercises a role model example for her fellow peers in the classroom and core friend group. She works well with individuals because of her kind spirit and genuine attitude towards not just other students but also her teachers. Katie will always go above the expectation no matter what assignment, project, etc. it is. She is a go-getter and strong leader and will do great things in this world.

Sincerely,  
Amber Yeagley  
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