

To whom it may concern:

I am a graduating senior at Carol Morgan School and have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Kempe for the past two years. He was my AP United States History teacher, my National Honors Society leader, and my advisory (homeroom) leader in my junior year. I have lived around the world and have attended seven different schools throughout my life, and I can say without hesitation that Mr. Kempe is one of the best teachers I have ever had. When anyone mentions his name, I immediately smile and a few memorable stories come to mind. Mr. Kempe is ultimately a kind person who cares about all students individually, even those that pose problems in the classroom. He uses his ever-present humor to make even bland topics interesting and to diffuse classroom problems. I can't recall a time when I have ever felt uncomfortable, bored, or upset with him. Mr. Kempe has a strong respect for different cultures and beliefs, even those he may not see eye to eye with. For example, Mr. Kempe and I come from different backgrounds and see the world differently on certain levels, but I have never felt anything from him but respect for me. He has been one of the most impactful teachers I have ever had; he acts a personal advocate while at the same time expanding my perspectives and understanding of the world. To Mr. Kempe, teaching is not just a job to earn money--it's about making a difference in each student's life.

Mr. Kempe is a leader. Not only has he led me in the National Honor Society, but he also sees needs in his school community and takes a leadership role to make a difference. After learning about the desires of some students to challenge themselves in the outdoors, he created a school hiking club and organized several trips, including two hikes up Pico Duarte, the tallest mountain in the Caribbean. During the arduous hikes, Mr. Kempe remained the first-rate teacher. When students complained, he used his humor and stories to positively lead everyone through the end and back again in three days. Beyond helping students unplug and experience the outdoors, he saw the need for these students, most of whom have only experienced this small Dominican island and the U.S., to broaden their understanding of other cultures. He took the lead to help students experience foreign viewpoints by organizing and leading a trip to the Middle East.

Mr. Kempe values lifelong learning, and so he constantly explores new topics and spreads his joy at gaining new knowledge and insights with others. This love of learning enabled him to help even students who find history dull to feel engaged in learning on a daily basis. As a result, every single one of my classmates and I passed the AP exam--even the less dedicated ones. Mr. Kempe is well-versed in the history of the world, especially the Middle East and the Americas, which are critical areas to understand in the current political world theater.

I am certain Mr. Kempe will be a strong contributor to your school's academic success, but more importantly, that he will help each of his future students feel valued and increase their love of

learning. For questions or additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at
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Sincerely,



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