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St. Margaret's Episcopal School
C/O Chris Nordstrom
31641 La Novia Avenue
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

Dear Mr. Nordstrom,

This letter is to serve as a letter of reference for Bryan Wallace who is applying for the Head Men's Soccer Position at St. Margaret's.

Bryan Wallace is one of the finest individuals I have had the privilege to know over the thirty years of my career. I have been the United States National Team Coach, have coached professionally at the Los Angeles Galaxy, worked the Olympic Games as the Competition Director and was the Vice President of the 1994 World Cup Organizing Committee. I am currently the Head Men's Soccer Coach at Cal Poly State University in San Luis Obispo, California. I came to know Bryan when I was the Head Coach and Technical Director for the United States Soccer Federation and have known him for over 20 years.

Most of my work over the years has afforded me the opportunity to work with the finest coaches, athletes, medical professionals, business leaders, politicians and other experts in their respective fields. Although Bryan is still very young, he measures up with those professionals who have positively impacted my career over the years.

Bryan is one of those individuals who immediately impressed me with his outgoing personality, his friendly manner, his ability to be very comfortable in all social settings, his passion for the game of soccer and of course, his intelligence. Bryan is one of the hardest working individuals I have ever seen. He is a perfectionist in the positive sense in that he will not stop until it is right. This attitude is apparent in his work ethic on and off the field. Bryan has coached with enthusiasm and has done an incredible job of instilling a winning attitude and being an example for all his athletes. Bryan is very talented at understanding the difference between being friends and being a coach. When a player needed to be told what he didn't

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necessarily want to hear, Bryan had no hesitation. But he communicates his message in a way that earns him respect. And, when they need a friend, he is a mentor and a confidant. When they need a coach, he communicates his thoughts clearly and with honesty.

Bryan is a passionate individual. He is especially passionate about wanting to make a difference in the world. He is caring with a bedside manner that is perfect for the education field. He also lives what he preaches in that his lifestyle shows he values a healthy and ethical way of life. He is emotionally fit, physically energetic and is a pleasure to be around.

As a coach there are those who impress you with their talent. Bryan not only impresses me with his talent but his incredible ability to interact and win over others. He is a team player. Bryan is very cognizant of the importance of staying within a budget and fundraising and will recruit the socks off the competition. He will work tirelessly to add to St. Margaret's positive and competitive traditions.

Bryan is of unquestionable character and will enhance any school by his involvement. It is without hesitation that I recommend Bryan Wallace to St. Margaret's. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 805-801-9439 or by email at stsampso@calpoly.edu.

Sincerely,

M. Stephen Sampson

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