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To whomever this may concern,

It's my absolute pleasure to recommend Mark Maddaloni for the Journalist of the Year award.

Mark Maddaloni and I have known each other for 3 years, and I have been overwhelmingly impressed with his skills in the journalism field. I thoroughly enjoyed my time working with Mark, and came to know him as a true talent to absolutely any part of journalism he applied himself too. He is honest, dependable and incredibly hard-working. He is also very attentive to the stories and experiences of those around him. Beyond that, he has an accepting personality that is always willing to expand his knowledge on all things journalism.

While I myself was the Co-Editor and Chief of our schools newspaper, Mark's editorship in his broadcast class blended well into working with our staff. He was always looking for ways to improve his own staff and better their stories. Not only is he talented in film, but in his storytelling in social issues. Anytime we discussed story ideas with both staffs, he always had very progressive views about how to cover social issues through student life.

He is nothing less than a leader in the classroom and truly one of the most talented and compassionate journalists I've been honored to work with. I confidently recommend Mark Maddaloni for the Journalist of the Year award. He would be a tremendous addition to your organization.

Please feel free to contact me at cky0002@auburn.edu if you would like to discuss more or if you have any questions. I'd be happy to expand on my recommendation.

Sincerely,

Courtney Young