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SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation for Logan Maile

Good afternoon. This letter serves as my highest commendation for one of your current ECTS students -- Logan Maile. Logan was a cadet of mine last year in McDowell's Air Force Junior ROTC program. During that time he distinguished himself as an eager learner, a polite student, and a sincere young man. Recently, he displayed that all of those qualities have only grown stronger since last year.

On Wednesday, 10 May 2023, McDowell AFJROTC held our annual end-of-year awards ceremony known as Superintendent's Review. It is our biggest night of the year and is complicated to pull off, to put it lightly. Out of nowhere, Logan showed up during our practice beforehand and immediately volunteered to help with setup, logistics, and everything else necessary to execute, including serving as our awards runner during the ceremony itself, which was a two-hour ceremony. He also stuck around to help with tear down and didn't leave until at least 9:30pm. In all, Logan probably gave 8 hours of his time, on the spot, without any prior requests from us. And in the end, he proved indispensable, as our actual help never showed.

While I praised him during the ceremony at the end for his help in front of the crowd, I present this letter to you so that you can offer another well-deserved "atta boy" from your end. *This letter also serves as proof of 8 hours of community service for his records, should he need any such proof in the future.*

I am a fervent advocate for the trades and a technical skills-based education to my cadets. ECTS has much to be proud of for the education you provide our young people on a daily basis.



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And ECTS should be equally proud to have an outstanding student like Logan Maile in your roster.

Thank you for your time, and if I can be of any further assistance in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John G. Nygaard'.

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