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To Whom It May Concern:

This is to verify that Lucas Hanson — one of the absolute elite students within the Radio-TV-Film program in terms of academic performance, production experience, and student leadership — is scheduled to graduate in January. As President, he provided excellent leadership for the UW Oshkosh Film Society student organization in 2017–18, pushing students toward more ambitious work. At the same time, he himself produced, shot, and edited one of the most successful films of the 2017–18 academic year — a 32-minute documentary about a community within the Ojibway Tribe (it has since been selected by multiple film festivals). Too often, our students who take on the challenge of student organization leadership and ambitious production work pay the price in their academic studies. In contrast, Lucas has maintained a stellar, sky-high grade point average and will be graduating with honors. Without a doubt, I fully support his continuing pursuit of documentary filmmaking, and have great faith in his ability to create transformative work that will elevate our culture.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to talk further about this remarkable filmmaker.

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