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To Whom it may Concern:

I was recently asked to write a letter of recommendation for Mabry Henry, who is looking to join the Naval Academy in the future. I was first made aware of Mabry when I saw an article in the La Vernia News regarding a La Vernia High School Swimmer. I was rather taken aback, as I was not aware that our high school had a swimming program. Turns out it did not...until now. This young lady, who is a Junior in high school took it upon herself to reach out to her coaches and the school board to become the first and only member of the inaugural La Vernia Swim Team. Now, I think that is a pretty amazing feat.

It turns out that a friend of mine, Kim Kimball, actually wrote the article and reached out to me for this letter of recommendation. I have a great deal of trust and admiration for Mrs. Kimball, so I asked her to have Mabry get in touch with me. In addition to her motivation to push for the creation of the La Vernia High School Swim Team, this girl has amazing plans for her future. When I was her age, I knew that I wanted to attend college but was not even sure of my intended major. Mabry is so committed to the Naval Academy that she is preparing to attend their Summer Seminar Camp as soon as school is out.

The youngest of four siblings, she moved to La Vernia in August of 2022. Committed to swimming this past school year, with the help of her coaches, she reached out to the La Vernia school board and was awarded the honor of creating the La Vernia Swim Team. Placing 3rd at District, she went on to compete at the Regional Swim Meet. She is not only an innovative athlete; she is also enrolled in OnRamps Physics, U.S History, and English through my alma matter, The University of Texas at Austin. Also enrolled in other high school honors classes, she is currently in the top 8% of her class.

She informed me that she is going to Kathmandu, Nepal in June on a humanitarian trip to build school buildings, teach basic math and English, as well as good hygiene. Her other extracurricular activities include National Honor Society, National Society of High School Scholars, Streamline Aquatics Swim Team, volunteering at the La Vernia Library, and volunteering through her church.

This girl has some mad leadership skills. She is driven to become a future military officer. She is hardworking, determined, optimistic, attentive, and loyal. The self-discipline to push herself to be the sole member of the swimming team is quite amazing to me. In talking to her, she even used the word "nobility". She is a very impressive young lady.

I am delighted to present this letter of recommendation for Mabry Henry, a Junior at La Vernia High School. In brief conversations with her, I am confident that her drive, leadership, and academic excellence will make her a valuable member of society. I recommend her for anything she sets her mind to and look forward to hearing about her successes.

Sincerely,

Martin Poore  
Mayor, City of La Vernia