

May 28, 2019

Robert McDaniels, hurdle coach
USATF certified track coach and official

Re: Letter in Support of Peter Levine

I am pleased to write on behalf of Peter Levine, whom I know in my capacity as hurdles, sprints, and throws coach at The Urban School of San Francisco. I highly recommend Peter for your track and field program.

I have been active in track and field for most of my life, as a collegiate (two-time NCAC 110-meter hurdles champion) and masters athlete (national 100-meter hurdles champion, national-record shuttle hurdle relay), and for more than twenty years as a coach working with at-risk youth and high-school athletes. During that time, I have developed a keen sense for evaluating talent in young athletes, and through my unique coaching method and interpersonal skills, I have been able to help many student-athletes reach national levels of competition. For more information about my background, please see the MacCanDo website, www.maccando.wixsite.com/trackandfield for the further details.

I first coached Peter during the 2018 track season. His physical explosiveness makes him well-suited to the sprints and jumping events, and he has the agility and precision of movement that are necessary for hurdling success.

In 2019, his junior year and first full season as a hurdler, he twice broke the school record in the 110-meter high hurdles, with a best time of 15.97 seconds. I expect that in his senior year he will lower the school records, with further improvement in his college years as he matures and continues to develop his hurdling technique.

While honing his skills as a hurdler, Peter had enough energy left over to post a long-jump and competed well at the Bay Area Conference League championship meet.

Peter is a pleasure to coach, because he is always searching for ways to improve his abilities and has a strong motivation to be the best in his events. He is determined without being headstrong; talented but humble and hard-working. As a result, he is very receptive to coaching.

Peter's athletic intelligence shines through in his ability to learn both from verbal descriptions and from visual demonstrations of proper technique. And he is always willing to put in the necessary work to improve.

On a personal note, Peter's interactions with coaches, teammates, and competitors are unfailingly polite and gracious, and his cooperation, communication, and collaboration skills are superb. He is a quiet, solid leader on the track team without being a show-off.

I am certain that Peter will be a great asset to your track team, and you will be proud to have this dedicated and responsible student-athlete as part of your program.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 510-375-2380 or e-mail me at mcdytc@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,



Robert McDaniels