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To Whom it may Concern,

I would like to submit this letter of recommendation on behalf of Mr. Sean McQuillan.

I have had the honor of instructing Mr. McQuillan in my Business of Broadcasting class, my Broadcast 2 class, and my Television News Practicum - "Pitt to the Point" class— at the University of Pittsburgh. I have known Mr. McQuillan for the past three (3) years.

Mr. McQuillan is an exceptional student who continually demonstrates an advanced understanding of television and television production, television formatting, writing for television, as well as reporting and anchoring. His maturity and knowledge are evident in his approach to his studies, as well as in the presentation of his work.

Mr. McQuillan has several outstanding talents, which include a true passion for sports broadcasting, writing, television production, journalism; an eagerness to not only participate but also learn; and a tremendous sense of responsibility. My Television News Practicum class, which is also known as "Pitt to the Point," is a live, one-hour news/magazine program that covers the University of Pittsburgh, its regional campuses, and the City of Pittsburgh. Mr. McQuillan has served as a City Sports Reporter, City Sports Producer, Technical Director, and News Director.

Mr. McQuillan is an exceptional on-air talent and stellar producer. He has earned the respect of his classmates by demonstrating a solid work ethic and a positive demeanor while collaborating. Mr. McQuillan often took it upon himself to assist classmates with live shots, writing copy, and producing feature packages. He is a class leader, and he is very committed to his goals.

Mr. McQuillan's passion, focus, and drive to succeed are apparent in his diligent approach to his studies and his participation in numerous activities outside the classroom. His portfolio and experience as an elite sports broadcaster and producer is extensive and includes acting as the Associate Head WPTS Radio Sports Director, a weekly sports radio host for "Monday Madness," "The Sean & Ari Show," and the "Friday Fanatics" radio show.

Mr. McQuillan has also served as a Broadcast and Video Production Assistant for the ACC Network, as well as a Video and Broadcast Production Intern for the ACC Network. His responsibilities included creating graphics and headshots for ACC Network Productions; assisting with pre-production setup for all live sporting events; conducting sports research and rosters for excel sheets; and operating as a Graphics Statistical Operator, Replay Operator, Technical Director, and Associate Producer/Director.

His stellar on-air experience includes commentating on:

- '23 Baseball: Bryant vs Pitt
- '23 Football: Wofford vs Pitt
- '23 Men's Basketball: Backyard Brawl: Pitt vs West Virginia
- '23 Men's Basketball: Syracuse vs Pitt
- '23 Men's Basketball: Louisville vs Pitt
- '23 Men's Basketball: Florida State vs Pitt
- '23 Men's Basketball: Virginia Tech vs Pitt
- '24 Football: Backyard Brawl: West Virginia vs Pitt

'24 Women's Volleyball: Penn State vs Pitt
'24 Men's Basketball: Radford vs Pitt
'25 Men's Basketball: North Carolina vs Pitt
'25 Men's Basketball: Georgia Tech vs Pitt
'25 Men's Basketball: Georgia Tech vs Pitt
'25 Men's Basketball: Boston College vs Pitt

As a member of the University of Pittsburgh's prestigious Broadcast Club, Mr. McQuillan is the Recruitment Chair. In addition, he serves as an on-air commentator/reporter for live news, philanthropy, and sporting events. He actively contacts the student body regarding interest in broadcast and digital media and reaches out on social media platforms to answer questions regarding the club's goals and aspirations. He also assists the E-Board Directors on club meetings and other events.

Currently, Mr. McQuillan interns with the Pittsburgh Penguins Hockey Team in the Media Relations Department. He is charged with interacting with executives of the Pittsburgh Penguins Hockey Club, visiting team personnel and local and national media outlets; writing media releases and in-game/post-game notes during and after the game; making and issuing all media credentials for members of the print, television, and radio media industry; and setting up all post-game interviews and gathering sound to be posted on the team's media-only website.

Mr. McQuillan effortlessly juggles his extremely demanding schedule dictated by his class workload. His ability to focus, navigate an ever-changing schedule, and excel is exemplary. His versatility is demonstrated in his work in the University of Pittsburgh Broadcast curriculum, which demonstrates he successfully balances his career aspirations and internship responsibilities with his studies.

I have no doubt Mr. McQuillan will have an extraordinarily distinguished professional career as a sports broadcaster/journalist, on-air talent, anchor, and producer in the broadcast industry. To that end, I would like to give my highest recommendation to Mr. Sean McQuillan.

Sincerely,

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