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**From:** GCU Scholarships <magpegula@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 31, 2024 3:47 PM  
**To:** SMB-GCU-Events  
**Subject:** Athletic Scholarship Application

**Name:** Margaret Victoria Pegula

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**High School Attended:** Valley View High School

**Anticipated Graduation:** 2025

**First choice for Fall:** Pennsylvania State University - Main Campus

**Second choice for Fall:** University of Delaware

**Anticipated Major:** Business

**Athletic accomplishments:** VVHS Girls Varsity Basketball Coach's Award 2022, Girls Varsity Basketball Team District Runner Up 2024, Girls Varsity Soccer District Champions 2022 & 2024; 4 year member-track, soccer, basketball



SAT Math	10	100	0.50
SPANISH III	10	98	1.00
US HISTORY I	10	100	1.00
<b>Weighted GPA</b>		<b>4.0612</b>	<b>8.00</b>
<b>Cumulative Weighted GPA</b>		<b>4.0476</b>	
<b>2023 - 2024</b>			
AP Composition	11	95	1.00
AP SPANISH	11	99	1.00
Dual Enrollment - Sociology	11	100	1.00
HON.ENGL.11	11	97	1.00
Honors Trig/Pre-Calculus	11	100	1.00
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	11	M	1.00
SPANISH IV	11	100	1.00
US HIST.II	11	100	1.00
<b>Weighted GPA</b>		<b>4.2500</b>	<b>8.00</b>
<b>Cumulative Weighted GPA</b>		<b>4.1132</b>	
<b>2024 - 2025 (Current Year)</b>			
AP LITERATURE	12		0.00
AP Physics C: Mechanics	12		0.00
CALCULUS	12		0.00
CHILD DEV I	12		0.00
Dual Enrollment - Intro. to Criminal Justice	12		0.00
GOVT.& ECON.	12		0.00
Personal Finance	12		0.00
Public Speaking	12		0.00
<b>Weighted GPA</b>			<b>0.00</b>
<b>Cumulative Weighted GPA</b>		<b>4.1132</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>23.60</b>

Industry Certifications Received		
Certification	Credential Provider	Date
CPR and AED	American Safety & Health Institute	06/01/2023

ACADEMIC STANDING			
AS OF	Weighted Rank	OUT OF	Weighted GPA
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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Margaret Pegula. I was Margaret's English teacher at Valley View High School. When she approached me asking for a letter of recommendation, I had little reservation in doing so being that I have had many positive interactions with Margaret inside and outside the classroom.

Margaret displayed several attributes that made her a successful student. In English class, Margaret did an excellent job of communicating with her classmates during her small group and class discussions. She was receptive to constructive criticism from her peers as well as from me. She demonstrated her mastery through discussion, participation, and exam performance. She also excelled in her public speaking class. She took on complex topics and developed research-based multimedia presentations that were often the standard by which other students were assessed.

I've also had an opportunity to work with Margaret as a student-athlete. From a coach's perspective, the qualities demonstrated in the classroom are only more visible during her time as a competitor. She is a model for what a modern student-athlete should be, balancing her academics and athletic performance while excelling in both. She has overcome many obstacles due to injuries and has shown resilience, determination, and grace throughout. All in all, her character, on the field and in the classroom, is beyond reproach.

In summary, Margaret's work ethic, personal characteristics, and demonstrated abilities make her an excellent candidate. Her level of commitment and focus demonstrates the amount of effort she is willing to put into any venture she attempts. I recommend Margaret wholeheartedly and without reservation. If you have any further questions or concerns about Margaret, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mark Barkowski  
English Department  
Valley View High School  
mbarkowski@valleyviewsd.org

January 19, 2025

Dear Scholarship Selection Committee:

It is with great pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Margaret Pegula, a young woman with whom I have had an association with for the past 4 years, 3 of which were in my previous role as the Head Girls' Soccer Coach at Valley View High School. It is my pleasure to grant Ms. Pegula's request for this letter.

My experience with Maggie has been more than positive. She has demonstrated a unique ability to transcend what is merely required to make herself and those around her exceed expectations. She not only rises to the challenges confronting her on a daily basis but she does so with enthusiasm, a sense of duty, and an unwillingness to be satisfied with anything less than the best from herself. Maggie is a true leader in every sense of the word, and it is for these reasons that her younger teammates often had looked to her for advice during times of adversity.

Maggie has achieved both academic and extracurricular success. She was a vital player contributing to the success of her championship soccer teams while earning a 4.1 GPA. Yet, what sets Maggie apart is her desire to be more than a mere participant. She does not just get the grades and win the games. She leads and motivates others while doing it with a smile and constant confidence. Along with being a member of the soccer team, Maggie is also a 4-year varsity member of the girls' basketball and track & field teams.

Outside of athletics Maggie is the Vice President of both the National Honor Society and Student Council. She is a graduate of The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce Tomorrow's Leaders Today program and is an avid volunteer for a local nonprofit organization named The Nadine Cenci Marchegiani Foundation.

This combination of balance and boundless effort makes it easy for me to see nothing but a bright and successful future for this impressive student, athlete, and young woman.

Based on these qualities, I recommend Maggie, without reservation, for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Daniel P. Berg*

Mr. Daniel P. Berg

Rob Martin  
Girls Varsity Basketball Coach  
Valley View High School  
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To the Greek Catholic Union:

I am writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of Margaret (Maggie) Pegula. It is with my honor to recommend Maggie for your scholarship. As the Valley View Girls' Varsity Basketball coach, I have had the pleasure of coaching Maggie throughout her high school years. I have known her since she played in my Jr. basketball program since 1s grade and I have seen her grow into an intelligent, mature young woman.

During the time I have known her, she has always had a strong work ethic and has been dedicated to be successful in all that she does. She has been involved in my basketball program for thirteen years. She has been captain of our basketball team for the past two years. She received the Coaches Award in basketball for her compliance and ability to allow change, adapt and take criticism. She is a great teammate who lifts teammates spirits and makes them feel welcome and part of the team. She is coachable, dedicated, confident, helpful, and most of all, compassionate, both on and off the court. Maggie not only excels in my basketball program, but in many other sports and clubs as well.

Maggie is involved in many sports and clubs, as well as being involved with the community. She is a six-year member of the soccer and track teams, a seven-year member of student council, where she serves as vice president, a three-year member of the National Honor Society, where she also serves as vice president and a five-year member of the Nadine Cenci Marchegiani Foundation. She is also a graduate of the Tomorrow's Leaders Today program. She volunteers her time to organize many events that the basketball team volunteers at for local organizations in our community. She assists with the Jr. basketball program and is a camp counselor for the summer basketball program. She works part-time during the summer and throughout the school year. While being involved with many sports and clubs, she still has a strong academic focus.

Maggie is very driven to do well academically. She excels in the classroom, where she carries a full academic course load, taking all AP and Honors classes. She is very-well rounded and balances academics and after-school activities, working a part-time job and volunteering whenever needed.

In conclusion, Maggie has my utmost respect and highest recommendation as an exemplary student. She has demonstrated excellence in all that she puts her mind to, which leads me to believe that she will be a perfect fit for your scholarship. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rob Martin".

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January 29, 2025

## Letter of Recommendation for Margaret Pegula

To: Greek Catholic Union Athletic Scholarship Committee

Margaret Pegula has consistently volunteered with our non-profit organization since 2021. Specifically, she has volunteered at the following fundraisers:

- Porketta sandwich sale 04/03/21, 04/16/22, 04/08/23, and 03/30/24
  - 16 hours
- Pasta dinner 11/05/22 and 11/04/23
  - 6 hours

We are 100% volunteer organization and are grateful for Margaret's enthusiastic support of our fundraisers for the past four years.

Sincerely,

Amanda M. Marchegiani

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