

Letter of Recommendation

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Grace Lovejoy

Editor-in-chief

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Journalist of the Year committee,

I am writing on behalf of Grace Lovejoy, the editor-in-chief of the McIntosh Trail newspaper. As the features editor at The Trail, I have known Lovejoy for all three years I have been on staff. I believe Lovejoy embodies the skills and requirements intended to win the journalist of the year award.

Lovejoy served as the features editor for the 2023-2024 school year where she won The Trail's first national 'Best of SNO' and later earned three more 'Best of SNO' awards. She has also received many statewide honors at the Georgia Scholastic Press Association conference.

Aside from being one of the most heavily decorated members of The Trail, I've gotten to know so much about Lovejoy both in and out of the classroom and she is someone who I have known to be exceptionally kind and hardworking. Lovejoy is always present in the classroom, getting to know and supporting staffers. She is constantly taking on new stories, editing, and publishing even when she has an extremely overwhelming schedule at that moment. Despite having stressful moments, Lovejoy never reveals it to her staff. She has been instrumental in creating a positive work environment through classroom activities, and has also made sure to create a strongly bonded board of editors through weekly afterschool meetings and out-of-school hangouts.

Best regards,

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