

ST. MARK'S
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Recommendation for Benjamin Adams '24
February 14, 2024

Texas High School Journalist of the Year
Texas Association of Journalism Educators

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my great pleasure to nominate Ben Adams for the 2024 Texas High School Journalist of the Year Award. As Headmaster of St. Mark's School of Texas, I have had the good fortune to work alongside Ben and watch him develop into an extraordinary young man and a highly accomplished journalist. As Digital Editor-in-Chief of our award-winning newspaper, *The ReMarker*, he has provided outstanding leadership for our community and has been an exemplary role model for fellow students and aspiring journalists on our campus and beyond.

Ben is an exceptional young man. In and out of the classroom, he sets the highest standards for himself and consistently lifts up those around him. National Merit honoree, varsity team leader, and much more, Ben is humble, driven, thoughtful, and a natural servant leader. He is also a young man of great integrity and consistently demonstrates high moral character and selfless leadership.

I have carefully observed Ben's leadership in and out of the classroom and have been consistently impressed by his thoughtfulness, judgment, commitment, and dedication to excellence. In the most recent issue of *The ReMarker*, Ben was entrusted with breaking a very important story about a senior St. Mark's administrative appointment and he handled that responsibility with the care and stewardship it deserved. After earning my unqualified trust over many years, I was fully confident in his ability to safeguard and manage sensitive, confidential information without concern that Ben would ever compromise the School's well-being or the individuals involved. Ben not only honored that expectation, but he also delivered a beautiful cover story in a matter of days that celebrated a long-tenured faculty colleague who is taking on an important new leadership role. Similarly, when the decision was made last year to take *The ReMarker* online, there was no question that Ben was the right person for the job. He invested hundreds of hours over the spring and summer to prepare for the launch of SMReMarker.com which has been very well received across our whole community. I simply couldn't be any prouder of Ben.

There is never a doubt that Ben Adams will act responsibly, lead with great care, and be sensitive to the range of internal and external audiences that he serves. Having watched him lead pitch meetings and manage difficult editorial decisions with his senior team, it is difficult to imagine a stronger candidate for this honor. I am incredibly proud to support his nomination and greatly appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



DAVID W. DINI
Eugene McDermott Headmaster