



Sharon High School

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Counselor Recommendation for Raga Sudha Chilakamarri

Raga Chilakamarri’s father once warned her that in life, you do not want to be the ‘Jack of all trades but master of none’, yet in many ways, that’s where Raga is at in her life. Make no mistake, Raga’s father is nothing but loving and supportive, and frankly, Raga is already a master of many trades, but the truth is, Raga has deep interests in about a million things and there aren’t enough hours in the day to satisfy her intellectual curiosity. One of Raga’s biggest shocks this year came the day that I informed her that she was a NMSQT (National Merit) scholarship semi-finalists. One thing that Raga hasn’t spent in inordinate amount of time on has been standardized testing. And again, make no mistake, Raga made great use of Khan Academy to earn the stellar scores she has, but in the end, Raga simply wants to parlay all of her varied and diverse interests into a rewarding career one day. Raga wishes that the schools she’s applying to could see the fun she has learning and finding creativity in the seemingly mundane (ie: the extra credit video she made, Burner Safety Can Be Fun, or the Solubility Song, a parody she made in her Honors Chemistry class, set to Miley Cyrus’ ‘Party in the USA’). She hopes that it’s known that while she’s considering a major in Computer Science, she’s doing so with the dream of one day working on the creative side of what some consider to be a dull major. She’s hoping to explore how to combine computer science with marketing and advertising. Raga is the student that equally loves AP English, AP U.S. History, and AP Physics 2. She is a student leader with a skill set that is the envy of others in her class. She is kind, loving, and pours her heart out on the field playing ultimate Frisbee and field hockey. There is so much to share about Raga. Ultimately, know that she is a ‘Jack of all trades’, and well on her way to being the master of many. It is with my highest recommendation that I write this letter on her behalf.

Here’s a little more about Raga:

- **Raga is a member of the National Honor Society and the Foreign Language National Honor Society, where she is the Polylingua Chair. She speaks conversational Spanish, and is adept in Indian languages, including Telugu.**
- **Raga has been elected to our school’s Planning Board, and has been instrumental in organizing class activities and initiatives, including dances, fundraising, and volunteering. Wildly popular events such as the annual Dance Marathon would not be successful without Raga.**
- **Since 2016, Raga has volunteered at the Museum of Science in Boston. After a year of working as a volunteer at the tech studio, she earned a coveted internship, where she designs**

Vision, Mission, and Core Values

Sharon High School strives to be a respectful, caring, dynamic, and inspirational learning community. We offer our students the academic, civic, and social tools to be informed, thoughtful, and effective contributors to a globally connected world.

Perseverance ~ Responsibility ~ Integrity ~ Dedication ~ Excellence

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and teaches engineering concepts to museum patrons. She interacts with over 400 visitors per day.

- **Raga plays alto sax in the concert band, and has played in a marimba band since the eighth grade.**
- **Raga is varsity captain of both the ultimate Frisbee team and the field hockey team. Taped on her field hockey stick are the words 'heart and hustle'. She motivates with her hard work and positive attitude, especially through long losing streaks.**
- **Raga is one of the founders of Humans of Sharon High, an online initiative based upon the popular web series 'Humans of New York'. Through interviews and photography, Raga and her friends have brought the untold stories of the faculty, staff, and students of Sharon High. They keep an active presence on Instagram and Twitter.**
- **Raga is active with Shishu Bharati School of Languages and Culture of India. After graduating from the school, she stayed to offer tutoring services, maintaining a library, and managing volunteers. She also volunteers for VTSEVA (Volunteer Together for Service/Seva), fundraising and organizing events for cancer awareness.**
- **Raga is competent in media software such as iMovie and FinalCut, as well as Adobe Illustrator.**

Raga is certain to be a positive presence on your campus, and she cannot wait to immerse herself into a broad undergraduate curriculum with depth and breadth. She's bright, inquisitive, funny, ambitious, creative, and kind. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss Raga's application further.

Sincerely,

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