

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Dave Saunders. Dave is a wonderful public speaker whose wit and insight into the human condition combine to deliver informative and uplifting presentations.

I have known Dave for about a year. We met through an organization called Toastmasters International, where I act as a district officer. Toastmasters International is devoted to making effective oral communication a worldwide reality. Through a network of clubs that sponsor public speaking venues and evaluations, Toastmasters helps people learn the vital skills of speaking, listening, and thinking.

As the Area 31 Governor in District 36 of Toastmasters International, I have heard many of Dave's speeches over the last year. I have listened to him give informational speeches on scientific topics, emcee business meetings, evaluate other speakers, and inspire people to improve through action and self reflection. Dave always uses story telling to make his points, interjecting humor and humanity to his content.

The most memorable speech I heard Dave give this year was at the Division C International Speech Contest. Toastmasters International holds two speech contests every year and the International Speech Contest matches the best public speakers in the greater Washington DC metropolitan area for a chance to compete internationally in the summer. Dave gave a funny and uplifting speech about how to scrape the bugs off your windshield of life and get where you're going with a clear view ahead. Dave finished second overall in the entire Division, taking home a huge trophy and making his Area Governor very proud.

I think Dave Saunders would make a terrific speaker for any occasion where wit and wisdom are required.

Very Sincerely,

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