



PACIFIC ACADEMY

A PRIVATE PREPARATORY SCHOOL FOR GRADES K-12

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March 17, 2026

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend **Matthew Fogarty** as a Division I or II Basketball Coach. Although I am not closely connected to the world of college athletics, I do know two things: It is a competitive and demanding field, and Matt is undoubtedly deserving and ready to coach at this level. He is passionate, committed, open-minded, communicative, detail-oriented and effective.

I have known Matt for four years. He started as an Assistant Coach to our boys basketball team, working alongside a coach who played on the Chinese National team. Matt soon took over as the head coach, and his dedication and effectiveness were obvious. Pacific Academy is a small, academic high school. We have some great athletes in individual sports such as golf or tennis. However, our basketball team is by no means highly competitive. But we value the role that sports and other meaningful extracurriculars play for our students. They teach responsibility, teamwork, commitment, organization. Matt has a great understanding of the many values that sports teaches beyond the importance of won-loss records.

But don't get me wrong. Matt is a winner. Indeed, his three years as coach have by far been the most successful ever for our small program. The leagues we have repeatedly won the past three years are small ponds, but ponds that, until Matt's tenure, were ones in which we were small fish indeed. Our winningest seasons have come under his watch. He has cultivated a team culture that emphasizes accountability, communication and learning. His work at Santa Ana College with the women's team also speaks volumes about his success and drive.

As a principal, and former track & field coach, I have great appreciation and respect for the ability to teach and coach. That is an area where Matt excels. He plans and communicates, both at practices, and during games. Particularly in Matt's first year coaching with us, many of the players were not native English speakers. Matt learned how to explain clearly, demonstrate effectively, and make use of other players to help everyone understand how to play a certain zone defense, or how to break a press.

He is direct and honest with his players, and can afford to be so because he establishes rapport. His players know that they will be held accountable, but also that their coach has their back and will publicly and sincerely praise them when they execute and perform to their best ability. He also holds himself accountable, and will be candid with the team on his successes and failures.

In general, we are fortunate to work with very good students. Matt has had some talented athletes, but ones whose focus or ability in the classroom may be challenged. Matt was a mentor and advisor to these students, reinforcing the habits needed to be successful not just on the court, but in a history class or on a math test. When a stern talking to was needed, Matt



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would do so. But he also made a point of understanding and listening to each of his student-athletes. He would meet each of them where they were individually.

Matt's work ethic is tremendous. In fact, I had to counsel him on being careful about over extending himself. Matt also assists our school with campus supervision and is on campus at 7:45 AM each day. It is common for him to have morning workouts with his college players before school starts, and then not finish practice at school with us until 6:00 PM. And then, some years, he may have more coaching after that. Matt has hustle, but also has gained perspective on balancing his passion for basketball.

That work ethic translates into being someone who digs deep. He makes use of available tools to improve himself, his players and his teams. This includes video analysis, team meetings, careful scrutiny of detailed spreadsheets, charting growth, harnessing appropriate uses of artificial intelligence, and innovative drills and resources to teach skills.

Again, I know how competitive the world of college basketball can be. (I had the good fortune of working with Dan Hurley when he was a high school coach in New Jersey.) Matt is someone who you can count on, who has the team's and players' best interests at heart. His desire, commitment, knowledge and ability will make him a wonderful and invaluable part of your program.

Sincerely,

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To whom it may concern,

I have had the privilege of working side by side with Matt Fogarty and I consider myself capable of, if not expert in assessing his character. After getting to know and work with Matt I found him to be an outstanding basketball player, a friend, and a very caring and devoted person.

As a coach, Matt is remarkable. He puts in a great deal of time establishing a very competitive, disciplined, and encouraging atmosphere for every athlete he works with. You will not find a harder worker who puts in countless hours with individual athletes encouraging their success. Matt takes a great deal of time working with players, emphasizing the importance of getting their education and excelling on the basketball court. His players are well coached; relentless extensions of his personality. He gives 100% of himself to his students and takes a lot of pride in turning out top quality athletes who will perform to their given potential. Matt considers one of his most important roles as a mentor for these young men. He leaves no stone unturned in assisting them in their personal growth.

I have personally trained Matt for the last four years. Our training sessions go for 1 ½ to 2 hours five times a week. He comes early and is the last to leave, always exhibiting high energy during every workout. Matt is a great listener who absorbs everything said and constantly wants to improve, "his work ethic is through the roof". Additionally, after each of our individual workouts Matt goes to the weight room to put in another full workout.

You will not find another person like Coach Fogarty who is hard working and a dedicated educator. Matt has all the capabilities of assisting in running a successful basketball program at any level. His knowledge of the game is outstanding and he is truly a workaholic.

Please feel free to call if you have any questions at (530) 242-2266, or email me at jkeating@shastacollege.edu.

Sincerely,

Jim Keating
Former Head Basketball Coach
Current Instructor, Personal Trainer at Shasta College

To Whom It May Concern,

Matt Fogarty asked me to write a letter of character reference for him and I accepted this task enthusiastically and without reservation. Matt has always had a great work ethic as a player so I know as a coach he will bring that same passion and hard work to any program.

My relationship with Matt began when he came to play for us at Shasta College 2008-2010. As the assistant men's basketball coach there I got the opportunity to build a very strong relationship with him. I found him to be a very solid student in the classroom and a very solid student of the game of basketball. The first year was a growing time in his game. When the season ended he started working out very hard to better all of the skills that would make him the best player the next season. With that hard work he helped lead the team to a championship and be voted as the MVP of the conference. He was a great team player and leader on the team. He then went on to have two very good years at Rocky Mountain College in Billings, Montana. There he showed the same qualities as a player by working hard and being a good teammate he made a very big impact on the team.

Matt has great character and would be a great asset for any business. He will bring passion for the game, great insight as he was a very intelligent player. During the time he was with us as a player it was exciting to watch him grow into a natural leader. He always encouraged his teammates and was a very good leader by his hard work. I know as a coach he will pass those qualities on to the players he works with. Coaching has always been a goal of his so I know with how I have seen him grow over time you will not find a harder worker to put on your coaching staff.

Matt's great qualities have not gone unnoticed. It has been a great honor to get to know him as a player for two years here and watch him grow even more at the next level at Rocky Mountain. Most of all, it has been a great honor to develop such a great friendship with Matt. So I know who ever hires him on their staff will be just as pleased with his passion for the game and great character.

Sincerely,

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August 21, 2013

To whom it may concern:

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to recommend to you Matt Fogarty. Matt is an outstanding young man. I have had the privilege of training him, coaching him. From an athletics standpoint Matt is the type of student/athlete every coach would love to have. He is a true leader and was a captain on our basketball team. From a business standpoint he brings the same work ethic and leadership.

I have had the opportunity to watch Matt grow for two years in our program on and off the court. I have been very impressed with how he treats people and how he is able to get along with people. His community relations are tremendous.

Matt is the type of young man who goes above and beyond to help other people. I can always count on him when I need someone to give a kid a ride, help a family move or just do the extra little things that always need to be done without being asked to do them.

Matt is a young man who is mature beyond his years and will have a positive influence on the lives of everyone he comes in contact with. He is the type of person you love to be around every day.

I am very proud to recommend Matt Fogarty to you. He's a winner!

Please feel free to call if I can assist you in any way!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "W. Thomas Purcell M.D." The signature is fluid and cursive, with the initials "W." and "M.D." clearly visible.

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