

**Alumni Letter of Recommendation / Alumni Letter of Support / Alumni
Waitlist Appeal (Details Changed)**

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Re: Grace Chen

Dear Members of the Admission Committee,

I have recently learned that Grace Chen was waitlisted at Yale University. I am myself a class of 1993 graduate of Yale, College of Arts and Sciences, an experience that I know has set me on my path towards a successful career as a doctor specializing in urology. I am currently Chief of Urology and the managing partner of the Summit Urology Institute, which is a branch of Summit Health. Yale set me on a path of continuous growth and instilled a love of learning in me that has allowed me to explore advanced robot technologies and break new ground in many aspects of my practice. I am writing to recommend Grace Chen to Yale.

I have known Grace since 2005. She is a family friend whom I have been pleased to mentor. In that time I have been deeply impressed with her remarkable accomplishments. I also have met her on many occasions and have consistently gained a positive impression of her as a person and as a student. As a member of the International Baccalaureate program at St. Petersburg High School Grace has chosen a rigorous course load in school, and she has taken five advanced placement classes in which she excelled. She is not only a National Merit Finalist but her SAT scores were also strong, with an evidence based reading and writing score of 790, a math score of 770 and a composite score of 1560. She not only excels in the classroom and at school but she has worked hard to gain research experience. During the summer of 2021 Grace worked as an intern at Moderna Technologies, Inc. where she studied DNA and performed experiments in sequencing and hybridized SARS-CoV-2 on a DNA microarray or chip. She has also gained personal hands-on experience when she worked as an Empath Health Teen Volunteer affiliated with Sunny Hospice and participated in various community projects, worked with patients at both the outpatient facility and the hospice after receiving training. In addition she has practiced developing skills and interested in medicine by shadowing doctors in dermatology, pulmonology and pediatrics for a total of 76 hours.

When Grace decided to apply to Yale, she contacted me and asked about my experiences at the school. Based on my positive feedback on the exhaustive STEM courses within their biological department, as well as multiple theatre opportunities in and out of the classroom, she was impressed with the curriculum and decided to apply.

Grace has told me that Yale is her number one choice and she will absolutely attend if she is accepted. As a proud alumnus of Yale, I can honestly say that due to my own experiences in getting to mentor Grace Chen, I truly believe that she will be a credit to the school. I highly recommend her for admission.

Sincerely,

Dr. Frances Collins