



# Desert Vista High School

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Cody Brassfield and I have been the head baseball coach at Desert Vista High School in Phoenix, Az since 2017 and also as a head or assistant coach for 12 years. This letter is to serve as a recommendation on Brady Thomas's behalf.

Every once in a while there comes a time when giving such an opinion or writing a recommendation is something that we truly enjoy because of the impact and impression that a particular player has made on us. For me this is one of those times. Brady is a very "coach-able" kid and it has been my pleasure to work with him. On many occasions during the course of the last few baseball seasons I offered my advice/input on his play as a hitter or defender and he has always been open to new instruction and improvements. Rather than being resistant or taking the advice and never working on it, Brady has always bought into what myself and other coaches have told him and had a lot of success due to this. Additionally, I believe Brady does this in all of his endeavors, whether it is in the classroom, at home, and in his work in other outside situations.

Brady's family has been a member of the Ahwatukee community for a number of years and I have known prior to Brady becoming a student at Desert Vista High School. Brady has a wide range of skills and strengths. Brady has a family background in baseball with his father being a scout and a collegiate baseball player at CSF as well as his brother being a minor league baseball player. Brady has rapidly been evolving as one of the best hitters in our program currently. He has grown 2-3 inches since his enrollment at DV and put on 15-20 lbs. Brady has good footspeed and has an above average baseball IQ which makes him versatile as an outfielder and also a skilled second baseman. Even though our season was cut short last year due to COVID-19 Brady finished the season as one of our top competitors in the box as a Sophomore. Also this year Brady is off to a great start hitting in the lead off spot most of the time. Over the course of this summer, fall, and winter he has worked hard to improve his bat speed, running speed and overall strength. Brady is one of our most enhanced players on the team and that is due to his work ethic and consistency in the weight room and on the field. Along with 3 others Brady was voted by his peers and coaches as a team captain. This work ethic and dedication to the sport he loves also leaks into other parts of his life making him a well rounded individual. In the community he has shown leadership serving in various volunteer work such as St. Vincent de Paul, Champions League, and Feed My Starving Children. Brady's best strength is his competitiveness and perseverance; he has taken baseball field work ethic into the classroom achieving a weighted GPA of 4.2.

Brady has greater aspirations in life other than baseball, he wants to continue to help others and in college he is looking to focus on physical therapy and being a trainer to improve others physical abilities. Eventually I know that Brady would like to use his Exercise Science skills and to use his college baseball experiences to further his career around his own practice helping athletes.

Brady truly has a heart for baseball which explains his hard working nature and mentality that translates into life. In closing, should any of you that read this letter like to talk with me further about Brady Thomas as a player or as a person I invite you to call (602) 309-7489 or email me [cbrassfield@tuhsd.k12.az.us](mailto:cbrassfield@tuhsd.k12.az.us) at any time.

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