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To whom it may concern:

Please accept my enthusiastic recommendation of Appel Osborne Landscape Architecture as the preferred partner for planning, developing, and delivering, on any of your outdoor athletic facility needs. Over the past several years I have come to know Appel Osborne as a talented and professional organization who consistently exemplifies all of the desired characteristics of a true partner in the delivery on our athletics facility master plan.

Here at Le Moyne College we were fortunate to have secured the services of Appel Osborne, and the leadership of Tim Bonaparte, to assist us in the development of a new turf complex for soccer and lacrosse. They are also currently working on a modernization solution to our baseball complex, a new softball complex, and the relocation of our tennis courts. Over the many months and many meetings required of our projects, Tim embodied the necessary traits of preparation, concern, and dedication for what we envisioned. He and the team at Appel Osborne had that unique ability to listen carefully while realizing our vision, yet understand where we might benefit from his experience and perspective. That open and sharing communication style was critical in developing the perfect project for our campus.

The number of challenges we encountered in these projects were not limited to budget, scope and timeline. We faced many challenges from storm water run-off, to retaining walls, to local government ordinances and regulations, to our campus commitment and pursuit of appropriate 'green initiatives'. Appel Osborne was instrumental in helping to coordinate these and other challenges into an efficient and productive solution leading to an on time, on budget delivery. We shared the pride of our partnership when we introduced Appel Osborne at both our Ground Breaking Ceremony and our official Grand Opening. I look anxiously forward to the possibility of working with this firm in the future, should the time come for further development and modernization of our athletic complex.

Although my sincerest recommendation of Appel Osborne and lead Partner Tim Bonaparte cannot be fully expressed in a written endorsement, please accept this as an expression of the highest esteem. Should any other information be required, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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