

# THE CHANGING ROLE OF COLLEGE RECOMMENDATIONS

According to college admission counselors, letters of recommendation are playing a bigger role in the college admission process. The following suggestions may help you when you are writing a letter for your students.

## **Things to think about when writing a recommendation:**

1. Student adaptability
2. Leadership (don't just repeat what is already on the application or on their resume).
3. Dependability
4. Quality of academic work
5. Communication skills
6. Integrity and ethics
7. Creativity and curiosity

Make sure if you are writing a recommendation for a stellar student that you place the student in his/her class. Some suggestions: "The best this year", "One of the best in my career".

## **Other ways to showcase a student:**

1. Discuss a unique project or paper the student has written.
2. Discuss a unique contribution the student has made in your class or to the school.
3. Discuss unique personal qualities.
4. Discuss classroom participation, intellectual insight, what the student contributes to your class each day, how the student goes above and beyond in your classroom.
5. Add any family circumstances that may be pertinent.