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To Whom It May Concern:

Matt Cavanaugh is a member of Elysian Trust and exemplifies what our mission is about. We find people with rare and remarkable mental talents and help them however we can to accomplish great things for humanity. Our members include the youngest person to be accepted into MIT; a high-school dropout, turned software engineer, turned entrepreneur that went on to build a \$23,000,000 company; one of the few black female physicists on the planet who developed a solar energy and water cleansing system for West Africa; and an inventor from Kenya who has recently won a sizable investment package from Google for his invention that helps deaf people speak with the hearing. They and many of our other members always had these cognitive gifts and high-potential projects within them, but they did not always have the recognition, support, or onramp platform to achieve their goals until someone or some organization noticed their potential.

I can state without any hesitation that Mr. Cavanaugh is another changemaker-in-the-making and we are proud to have him in Elysian Trust. Any other institution wise enough to support him in his academic ambitions will reap the benefit of being associated with his great future contributions to humankind. He has not only been a routine contributor to our organization, but he has also been a true friend to many there within, including to me.

From my observation and time interacting with Mr. Cavanaugh, he does not only have the raw brainpower that is critical in STEM and business, but he also has the underlying support structures of critical-thinking and emotional intelligence that help him acquire and demonstrate greater gains from his mental acumen than many others in his field would. Where many smart people "get in their own way," Mr. Cavanaugh does not. Furthermore, he can elegantly bring together disparate data points into sharp clarity, which is an invaluable skill in today's rapidly changing STEM and business landscape.

He expects to possibly apply to a Ph.D. program in the near future and indicated that he would resume contract/consulting work in a leadership capacity, and perhaps start an employment search to that same end. I recommend him for these activities and anything else he might pursue, within his company or independently.

Sincerely,

Nathan Bar-Fields  
Co-Founder and CVO