

# IRVINE ATHLETICS

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February 3, 2004

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Dr. Jerry Weichman. Dr. Weichman was recommended to me by our school psychologist Barbara Kelly as an excellent guest speaker for my Psychology class at Irvine High School. Jerry came to our class to speak about self concept and handling adversity. He has a passion for helping kids which is evident in his presentation.

Dr. Weichman was very effective in speaking to my Psychology class about life. He has a very professional presentation yet has an ability to allow students to feel as if he is speaking with them and not to them. The students in my class were very receptive to his speaking style and felt comfortable sharing their own thoughts and life stories with him. Jerry presents material on his own life and how he has overcome adversity and relates this information well to the students. He bridges his story to make students understand that they can overcome hardships as well. Overall the students felt very comfortable and receptive to his presentation.

We look forward to having Dr. Weichman continue to share his thoughts and life stories with our classes and highly recommend him to other programs working with teen-agers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Mark Decker'.

Mark Decker  
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