

Dear Oklahoma City Thunder College Ambassador Selection Committee,

I am excited to recommend Adam Grose for the Oklahoma City Thunder College Ambassador Program. I've had the privilege of knowing Adam in several capacities at the University of Kansas: as an advisee, a student, a student employee, and now as the president of a student organization I advise. Through each of those roles, I have come to know Adam as a person of strong character, deep integrity, and genuine commitment to serving others.

Since transferring to KU just over a year ago, Adam has made a remarkable impact. Instead of focusing only on his own transition, he invested himself in improving that experience for others. After becoming president of the Transfer Club, Adam led a focused recruitment effort that grew membership by more than twenty students. He built stronger partnerships with faculty and staff who support transfer and nontraditional students and helped shape programming around practical needs such as finding community, understanding campus resources, building professional confidence, and integrating more quickly into campus culture. He also undertook the substantial task of researching university policies and completely rewriting the organization's constitution to ensure compliance and sustainability.

What I appreciate most about Adam's leadership is that it comes from preparation, follow-through, and a genuine investment in the people around him. He earns trust through consistency, thoughtfulness, and a willingness to do the work required to turn ideas into action. Adam comes prepared. He creates agendas, thinks through details, asks good questions, and keeps teams focused on the larger goal. He listens carefully to others and genuinely values input and collaboration. At the same time, he is never afraid to share his perspective or ask difficult questions when they need to be asked. That approach has been evident across every role he has taken on at KU.

Adam serves as a Jayhawk Consultant, working on interdisciplinary teams to address challenges faced by local governments and businesses. He also works in our MBA office as a front desk assistant while maintaining a full academic course load. In each setting, he demonstrates professionalism, reliability, and a level of organization that sets him apart. He follows through on commitments, communicates thoughtfully, and consistently takes ownership of the responsibilities entrusted to him.

One of the things I admire most about Adam is his authenticity. When I first met him as a transfer student, he was honest about how difficult it was to leave Oklahoma. He has never been someone who chooses the easiest path simply because it is available. Instead, he remains grounded in his values, works hard for what matters to him, and stays committed to his goals even when doing so requires sacrifice.

The Oklahoma City Thunder is looking for students who can represent the organization, build meaningful connections, and tell stories that resonate with others. Adam brings a perspective that is both genuine and grounded. He understands the impact a strong community can have because he experienced it himself. Quite simply, if you are looking for someone who will proudly and authentically represent the Thunder brand both on campus and back home in the rural communities that helped raise him, I cannot think of a better fit. Adam's enthusiasm for Oklahoma City is real, his character is exceptional, and his ability to bring people together around a shared purpose is proven.

I recommend Adam with my highest confidence as a College Ambassador for the Oklahoma City Thunder.

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