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To College Athlete Advantage,

My name is Nick Swanson and I've been Ashton Zacher's direct or indirect baseball coach since he was 11 years old. He played in our feeder club Velocity Baseball Academy and he's currently our starting varsity catcher at Canyon View High School in Waddell, Arizona. He also plays for the Canyon View Rangers club baseball team. I am happy to say that I have been involved with Ashton's development for the last 6 years.

At 11 years old, it was obvious that Ashton had untapped potential. He was extremely strong and well-coordinated and he comes from athletic parents with a great family support system. Ashton's mother Staci played softball at Florida State University. At 13 years old, he primarily pitched and played shortstop which are the two positions that he has played until a few months ago. Ashton converted to a catcher with minimal experience behind the plate. I can say without hesitation that he is one of the top sophomore catchers in Arizona with a sub 2.0 pop time. He is a switch hitter with tremendous bat speed from both sides of the plate. Ashton is also a multisport athlete and the starting varsity quarterback.

Ashton takes school seriously and he's a very high achiever in the classroom. Currently, he is academically ranked as the #1 student in the class of 2023. Ashton's weighted GPA is 4.61.

If Ashton continues to develop as a catcher, and with his high marks in the classroom, I would recommend Ashton as a division 1 baseball player without hesitation. Since he's only been catching for a few months, Ashton does need to gain experience behind the plate and learn the finer nuances of the catching position. He is already successful in the batter's box against above-average high school pitching. Ashton's family is wonderful and he would be an immediate impact player at the next level on the field and in the classroom.

Sincerely,

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