



Dear Coach,

My favorite sport is basketball. My favorite team is the Los Angeles Lakers. My favorite player has always been Kobe Bryant and my all-time favorite coach is Coach Daniel Ryan from my high school.

When my mom came to ask you if you would accept me on the team, you didn't give it a second thought. Without hesitation you said "yes." My favorite days at school are when I have practice. You worked so hard to make our team great! You have taught us sportsmanship, fair play and many values that we will need throughout our lives. Thank you for motivating and training me. Thank you for your patience with me. Thank you for raising the standard of the team by accepting me and seeing me as one of their own.

Because of you, my dream of playing basketball with my high school team has become true. Thank you for not giving up on me. I will always have great memories of my time with the team and with you. You made me feel included, accepted and respected and saw past me having Down Syndrome.

Coach, I know that teachers have the power to change a life, and I want to say thank you, because you have had the power to change mine.

Angel

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