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Dear Parents,

It is completely natural to feel a rush of anxiety when your child announces they want to major in philosophy. As parents, your first instinct is to protect them and ensure they can build a stable, successful future. In a world focused on immediate job placement, a major like philosophy can feel like a risky detour.

However, you should take immense comfort and pride in their decision. Here is why choosing philosophy is actually a brilliant strategy for their future:

- **They are learning how to think, not what to think:** The modern job market changes at a breakneck pace. Tech and specialized tools become obsolete in a few years, but the core skills of philosophy—complex problem-solving, advanced logic, ethical analysis, and persuasive writing—never go out of style.
- **It is a powerhouse major for advanced degrees:** If your child is considering law school, graduate school, or an MBA, they are in the right place. Philosophy majors consistently score near the absolute top of the LSAT and GMAT exams. Their ability to dissect complicated text and build bulletproof arguments gives them a massive head start.
- **Employers love philosophical skills:** Companies across tech, finance, and business are actively looking for people who can think critically, adapt to new information, and communicate clearly. Philosophy graduates routinely go on to become successful tech executives, entrepreneurs, journalists, and policy analysts.
- **They are building a meaningful life:** Philosophy forces students to engage with the biggest questions of human existence. Your child isn't just looking for a checklist to pass an exam; they are developing a deep, internal compass, emotional maturity, and the resilience to navigate a complex world.

By choosing philosophy, your student is demonstrating that they are courageous, intellectually curious, and willing to challenge themselves. They aren't avoiding the "real world"—they are building the exact mental toolkit required to lead it.

Take a deep breath and trust the foundation you have given them. Your child's future is incredibly bright.*

**This letter was composed by Google AI. It is very similar to what I would have written. What I appreciate is that even AI sees the value of Philosophy and does not dismiss it as unserious or useless—quite the contrary. So, I do endorse this letter, although I did not compose it.*

Warmly,



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