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I am one of many whose life is richer for knowing Leland Lee. He has participated in my sports programs for the past two years and I know I speak for the entire staff when I say that he is one of the most well-rounded young men we have ever met.

Leland is an accomplished athlete. He is a very talented swimmer and an excellent basketball player. But most of all, he loves to play, thrives on competition and truly understands and believes in sportsmanship. It does not matter who he plays with or how intense the level of competition; Leland is someone that everyone wants on their team no matter what sport is being played.

Leland has a wonderful personality that draws people to him and puts them at ease. He makes friends very easily and is a very loyal friend in return. Leland has a real gift; he brings out the best in people. It does not matter what their nationality is, or the color of their skin.

In these ways and so many others, Leland is the most normal young man you will ever meet. And if the story ended here it would be enough. But it does not. Leland is not normal. Leland is a genius. A genius in the way that we can, at best, be in awe of, but never truly understand.

Leland is an artist. A once-in-many-lifetimes artist. He sees the world in brilliant colors, meticulous perfection and great depth. His perspectives force you to reconsider what is possible—no matter how many times you look at the same painting.

Yes, Leland is a genius; and his art is his gift to all of us. But that is not Leland's gift. Leland's real gift is that he can play basketball with his friends from 3-5pm, go to swim practice with his teammates and then, after finishing his homework, create a work of art that leaves us, simply, amazed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Straus". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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