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Re: Recommendation of Mia Fite

Mia Fite has asked me to write a letter of recommendation for her in consideration as a professional in education. In my capacity as a professor in the Division of Humanities, Arts & Cultural Studies, I am familiar with Mia's abilities and her potential in this regard. She was a student in my Integrative Studies courses several years ago and, while I am not the one who supervised her online TA position at ASU, I know the standards we have, and she would not have been selected for such a responsible position had she not been well-organized, articulate and student-centered.

As one who has been teaching courses grounded in developmental psychology for over 15 years, I can recognize in Mia the desire to educate herself further and to become an expert in her chosen field. I believe that she is pursuing this career for all the right reasons and I can assure you that she has the emotional intelligence and the drive/commitment to sustain her over the long haul, given the frustrations we all know the profession will present to her. She is aware of the demands that will be placed upon her and I have every confidence in her ability to meet them with grace and a high degree of professionalism.

My courses require students to write countless essays exploring career development options, and to conduct informational interviews in conjunction with a major research paper on their selected field of interest. Mia's work gave me great insight into her personal world view, her maturity, what motivates her, and how she solves problems. She has keen insight into what others need from her, is an excellent listener, and she builds partnerships easily. She also understands the need for establishing appropriate boundaries, something that is critical in working effectively in higher education. Her intelligence, compassion, and sense of humor have gotten her pretty far in life. Mia is all about contributing and giving back. She works tirelessly to that end, but she also knows how to take good care of herself and keep her own energy in balance, which is something I stress to all students. She is a very focused individual.

Mia has much to contribute to the field of education. She masters context quite well and is exceptional at understanding the bigger picture while not losing sight of the details. She will do whatever it takes to get a job done, and when she encounters obstacles, she can be a very creative problem-solver. She thrives in challenging circumstances and is very flexible—she will adapt her approach when necessary. I am proud to be writing this letter of recommendation for her. She will be an amazingly positive influence on those who are fortunate enough to encounter her. I would recommend her for any organization without hesitation.

Respectfully,

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Lecturer