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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Ms. Katherine Abella

I have had the great pleasure of teaching Ms. Katherine Abella one class (Career Education) at the University of Lethbridge along with supervising her Professional Semester III.

Katherine had an outstanding Professional Semester III. She taught two sections of English 20-2 at Bishop Grandin High School in Calgary and showed great content knowledge. Her students were very engaged in her lessons, well behaved and very attentive to her teaching. She works effectively to build strong relationships with staff and students. She is organized, effective, kind, caring and she builds strong rapport with her students.

Katherine was fortunate to be one of the University of Lethbridge students who were selected to be in the fifth group of student teachers to pilot the Career Coaching Across the Curriculum special focus internship. This allowed her to engage in the pre-planning of her professional development project. This career focus challenges every teacher in all grades to engage their students to develop an understanding of themselves and therefore in later grades, begin to use that insight to investigate career choices. Katherine was very quick to see how this content could be applied to all grade levels including those in her Grade 11 placement.

Throughout the Career Education program I have become very impressed with Katherine's creativity in how she could implement these ideas at all levels of education. Her ability to conceptualize the content of career development and apply it in her placement was outstanding. Her writing is thorough, detailed and extremely creative.

It is my opinion, that Katherine will make a significant contribution to any school lucky enough to have her as part of their team.

Sincerely,

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