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To Whom it may concern,

Consider this to be a recommendation for Kat Tate. I have had Kat as a student in several classes and was her academic advisor as well. We were able to craft an academic plan which has resulted in her completing her degree.

I have been very impressed with Kat. The first time that we met she was in my Communication 102, Research class. We had a nice visit at the beginning of the class which continued throughout the semester as well. It soon became evident that she had an excellent sense of humor, spark of creativity and thirst for knowledge. She asked questions about the opportunities in Communication, inquired as to how she could take advantage of them, discussed what she wanted to do with her degree and was interested in how we could accomplish her goals. Kat has worked outside of the university, served as a Messenger for the Communication Department, president of APO, active in Lambda Pi Eta, was an intern with the Radio People where she received a scholarship, was a production assistant at WHJT, worked with Carolina Creek Christian Camps as a counselor and program lead, and assisted with community based initiatives in Central Mississippi. That showed me that she was goal oriented and willing to pay the price to meet her goals.

As a student, Kat has done very well in her classes. She has made excellent grades on almost every test, turned assignments in on time and was always in class. Kat showed much initiative. She worked on her schoolwork and her social skills as well. She has grown to be an invaluable member of the Communication Department and very active in the theatre productions where she has had lead roles in several shows two of which were "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" and "Steel Magnolias". Additionally, Kat has never done only what she was required to do, but rather showed much initiative beyond the minimum. Her grades have been excellent and she has been very involved in her group assignments as well. She should graduate at the time that we had planned. In short, she has accomplished what she set out to do. Many people can neither set nor achieve their goals. However, Kat demonstrated that she has the determination to accomplish what she desires.

In my opinion, because of these, and many other attributes, Kat should be given all consideration for employment or graduate school.

If I may be of any further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me,

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