

March 23, 2024

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a recommendation for Ms. Kate Tipping. During the past four years, I had the fortunate pleasure of getting to work with this young woman in the Academy of Finance Honors Magnet Program here at William R. Boone High School. As a result, I feel more than capable in recommending her to you. Kate is a special student that worked very hard during high school to prepare herself for success at the post-secondary level of education; success that she is already beginning to experience as a freshman at Florida State University. Take one look at her transcript and you will see a young woman that challenged herself by taking a rigorous and relevant course load. But her transcript can only tell you so much. To gain a complete picture of who she is as a person, look further and consider the following information. In addition to being one of the top students in a magnet program that has received national recognition for the advancement of economic literacy, Kate was certified by the Internal Revenue Service as a volunteer and prepared tax returns for lower socioeconomic families in 2022; helping a dozen clients file their 2021 tax return. Kate also completed two 150-hour summer internships in the marketing department at McCoy Federal Credit Union, receiving a perfect evaluation each time. In this position, she was tasked with designing social media posts, helping with creative content development for the YEP Simulation (a financial literacy & budgeting simulation for kids ages 11-16), and representing the credit union at community events. At the bottom of her senior-year evaluation, her supervisor noted that "It was a pleasure having Kate on our team. She was always willing to jump in where needed, completed projects quickly and efficiently, and was an asset to the department. She is a Rockstar!" Lastly, Kate also interned with Addition Financial the past two years as a member services representative in our school's 100% student-run campus credit union.

Working closely with Kate, I had the opportunity to sit back and watch as she developed a foundation of knowledge in the field of business that will serve her well in her life pursuits. Her keen insight and continued desire to learn allowed her to be successful in such courses as Financial Accounting, Financial Management, Personal Finance, Advanced Placement Microeconomics, and Advanced Placement Macroeconomics. Within these courses, she did a tremendous job sharpening her personal skills. For instance, Kate has a special ability to: work effectively in collaborative settings; synthesize conceptual learning; conduct effective research; diagnose real world problems and provide appropriate solutions; and clearly express ideas persuasively in both written and oral form. She is of the highest moral character, capable in any setting, and easily adapts to a changing environment; the perfect candidate for a scholarship. If you base your selection on the probability of future success, then I can think of no finer candidate than Ms. Kate Tipping.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William J. Daniel III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

William J. Daniel III MBA