

November 16, 2020

To: Whom it May Concern

From: Carrie [REDACTED]

Re: Courtney Lawrence, Lowcountry Academic Consulting

I am honored to write this letter of recommendation regarding Courtney Lawrence. When our High School senior made his final decision to attend College of Charleston this fall, my excitement with his decision slowly turned into worry for his future success. My son suffers with learning differences and although I felt such joy in his decision to attend COFC, I wondered how he would make the adjustment from High School to college? Certainly, this transition is difficult for all Freshmen to maneuver, but even more so for those with learning differences; not to mention adding COVID and online learning to the mix.

My son was convinced that "he had this college thing" and was initially opposed to the idea of having a tutor twice a week, but once he got to know Ms. Lawrence he quickly began to respect her and understood the value she would bring him. There were so many obstacles coming at him very quickly right away and Ms. Lawrence was gently there, guiding him through them. Their sessions were focused on skills such as organization, teaching him to self-advocate and take advantage of accommodations the college offers and coaching him on the ability of forward thinking and planning ahead (time management). Tools all so important to keep in his toolbox to help him succeed in college.

In a short period of time, I began to see an important change in my son where I witnessed him being proactive and organized. He was rising to the challenge and making the transition as a High School student to an independent college student. Many students take this leap after they hit a wall, but by proactively engaging Ms. Lawrence from the beginning, I feel she made the transition to college life a successful one. He has more challenges ahead of him I am sure but having Ms. Lawrence in his corner is a huge advantage. We are so thrilled to have her supporting him and we feel her skillset and instincts will help set him up for success. Her kindness, patience and encouraging way put my son (and this mom) at ease right away! I would be happy to speak more about my experience with Ms. Lawrence and can be reached at [REDACTED] if you have any additional questions.

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