102 Chemical Sciences Building · 2000 Lakeshore Drive · New Orleans, LA 70148-2820 (504) 280-6311 · Fax: (504) 280-6860

January 14, 2020

Recommendation Letter

It is my great pleasure to recommend Sarah Grunblatt for a career in public health area.

Sarah has been an active participant of the High School Science Teachers Club, which I organized. She was also admitted to the Chemistry M.S. program at UNO in Fall 2018 and after just two years she will receive two Master's Degrees (Chemistry and Health Care Management), while having a full time job as a science high school teacher. Sarah has also volunteered to do research in Medicinal Chemistry area in Dr. Trudell lab (UNO). Additionally, in this semester (Spring 2020) she is teaching as an adjunct instructor one section of CHEM 1017 (General Chemistry) lectures. Sarah was also in 3 graduate classes, which I teach at UNO: Special Topics in Materials Chemistry (CHEM 6696 in Fall 2018), Procedures and Problems in Chemical Research (CHEM 7025 in Fall 2018), and Characterization of Materials (CHEM 6610 in Fall 2019). Thus, during the last 4 years I had an opportunity to get to know Sarah as a passionate high school teacher, a very bright and motivated graduate student, and as a good colleague.

Sarah is a very talented student. Personally, I find her very intelligent and motivated. She received "A"s in all my classes. She has a firm academic background and the key ability to comprehend difficult points of the subject. Coupled with good analytical reasoning, and with her thoroughness, she strives to understand the matter comprehensively. I often observed her explaining chemistry concepts to other students. I am confident Sarah Grunblatt is the type of person that will fulfill any objectives in her career.

She has exceptional communication and interpersonal skills. Sarah is extremely energetic, responsible, polite, friendly and an easy-to-get-along-with person. Sarah showed a lot of initiative as a member of the Science Teacher Club and made several excellent presentations during the meetings.

Considering Sarah's personal and intellectual abilities as well as her strong interest in a career in public health area, I strongly recommend her for any opportunity she pursues.

Viktor V. Poltavets

Saray

Assistant Professor

Chemistry Graduate Coordinator

Associate Director of Advanced Materials Research Institute

Department of Chemistry

University of New Orleans

E-mail: vpoltave@uno.edu

Phone: (504)-280-4418