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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to commend to you Sarah Grunblatt. Having known Sarah for the past year, I am confident that she will be an asset to your teaching team. I had the privilege of teaching Sarah for one of her graduate courses, *Tests, Measurements, and Evaluation*.

One of Sarah's strengths is her initiative. Sarah acted as the cohort leader for the inaugural cohort of the graduate program in which she is enrolled. She took it upon herself to organize study groups for the course and for Praxis exams, to email her cohort regularly to remind them of important information related to the program, and to act as liaison to the college. Initially, Sarah was paid to do some of this work, but even when the pay ended during a period of transition for the university, Sarah continued her role so that she and her colleagues would not suffer any setbacks. She continues in her role as cohort leader and has taken the initiative to remind fellow students of important dates related to registration and the Praxis exams. She has continued to offer study sessions for the various Praxis exams on her own initiative.

Another strength of Sarah is her commitment to excellence. As a highly organized person, Sarah desires to do her best in all that she does. In her coursework, her work was consistently at the top of the class. She is not content to do just enough to "get by"; rather, she pushes herself to do her best. I am confident that she will maintain this same level of excellence in the classroom setting.

While I have not had the privilege of observing her teach, I would not hesitate to have her on my teaching team. I look forward to supervising her during her upcoming internship in the fall. If I can answer any questions or provide further information, please feel free to contact me via email (svandercook@nobts.edu) or phone (504-282-4455 x3742).

Sincerely,

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