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To Whom It May Concern:

Confident in who she is, not afraid to take chances when participating in class and a strong young woman Jade Veth was a pleasure to teach in my Honors Spanish IV class this past academic year. I also had the pleasure of teaching Jade in her freshman year, so I feel that I have a good sense of not only what type of student she is but also what type of person she is.

I believe that her peers would describe her as serious. What they see as serious I see as maturity. Even as a freshman, Jade demonstrated qualities that proved her more mature than her classmates. This level of maturity has served her well both in and out of the classroom. In the classroom, she was a top participator in the class because she has a deep understanding of what is needed to make progress. It was clear that continual progress is something that she valued and understood its importance not only to feel accomplished, but to live a happy and fulfilled life.

Another quality that sticks out about Jade is her determination to truly understand a concept. Even though her class is quite large and full of personalities I can still picture Jade's facial expressions as she worked through the process of acquiring the language. She was not content, as many of her classmates were, with somewhat understanding what was occurring in the classroom but truly wanted to have a deep understanding of the content. If she did not, I could count on her to ask the questions that her classmates were less than eager to ask. For this reason, she was a leader in the classroom and it was clear that her peers respected her for her willingness and desire to always go beyond what was asked

On a self-evaluation, Jade writes about herself, "I try to be open and honest about my feelings and who I am." I am in total agreement with this self-realization. Authenticity and living with integrity are qualities that are not as prevalent in our society as they should be, and certainly qualities that can be hard to come by in a high school. However, I would say that Jade Veth is one of the most authentic students I have ever taught who demonstrates living with integrity daily. The interactions I have witnessed between her and her peers highlight her desire to speak her truth while also listening and thinking critically about their opinions.

It is with great enthusiasm I recommend Jade Veth to your institution. She is a student with immense potential and has already demonstrated qualities that take others years to acquire. I am certain she will make a strong and positive contribution to your institution. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Abigail Theberge

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