



Letter of Recommendation for Morgan Mickavicz

Morgan Mickavicz was born to be a teacher. Compassionate, diligent, creative, and intelligent, she possesses all the attributes necessary to make a difference in the lives of generations of students.

As an undergraduate student, Ms. Mickavicz served for several semesters as a tutor in my first-year writing class, College Writing Enrichment, a course for students whose high school grade point averages determined they would benefit from additional writing experience before taking English 101. Working for Bloomberg University's Writing and Literacy Engagement Studio (formerly known as the Writing Center), Ms. Mickavicz's role was to attend all classes and work with small groups of students outside of class. An effective communicator who truly cared about the students' success, she continuously offered her time and assistance far beyond the hours for which she was paid. During our bi-weekly meetings, she impressed me as she recounted her varying, untiring efforts to reach even the most reluctant students. I recall the joy on her face as she described making a breakthrough with a particularly unmotivated student; she was so proud of him for the improvements he made. Having worked with many pre-service teachers during my career, I recognize this quality as one of the most telling markers of greatness: not only to keep trying with a student who claims to not need or want help, but to celebrate his/her success when it happens. I have absolute faith that Ms. Mickavicz will be a champion for all students in her classroom.

Many of the students with whom Ms. Mickavicz worked are part of the Act 101/EOP or TRIO programs, opportunity programs which provide support for students who are underprepared and traditionally underrepresented in higher education. They come from diverse racial, socioeconomic, educational, and religious backgrounds, and many struggle with organization, confidence, and time management. Ms. Mickavicz served as a mentor and motivator for all students in the classroom, treating them with respect and inspiring them to find success.

Making the most of her undergraduate experience, Ms. Mickavicz's commitment to her own education and growth are evident in her career-oriented extracurricular activities. She has participated in various organizations, such as the English Honor Society, NCTE, and AMLE, with leadership roles in the Office of New Student Orientation and Bloomberg University's online news source, Bunow.com. Having already engaged in educational research and presented at conferences, such as IWCA/NCPTW (National Conference on Peer Tutoring in Writing), she could serve as a professional development asset to her colleagues. She holds a passion for literature and literacy that she seeks to share.

With her notable skill set, Morgan Mickavicz will be a valuable, dependable member of any faculty. Her school and students will be lucky to have her.

Sincerely,

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