



# Sacred Heart UNIVERSITY

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to highly recommend **Lindsay Rourke** for your strong consideration as a future teacher for students. I have been Lindsay's university supervisor from Sacred Heart University for this past semester of her student teaching. She is one of the most successful and talented student teachers that I have worked with both in the university and in my career as a high school principal.

Lindsay has the personal skills to immediately connect with her students. Her lesson plans were extremely detailed and clearly identified the objectives she developed for her students, along with a clear way that she would assess their learning. Lindsay knew her students and made accommodations in order to ensure that each of her students would be successful with the material to be learned.

Lindsay has the personal skills to have her students and her colleagues like and respect her immediately. She would begin each of her classes with friendly welcomes and conversation with her students as they entered into the class. Once classes began, Lindsay would clearly identified the objectives of the class and then begin her instruction. Her lessons would involve a variety of teaching methodologies that would incorporate students' active involvement. Her classroom activities were innovative and challenging, with students being responsible to demonstrate their understanding and learned knowledge of the lesson.

I found Lindsay to be extremely hard working in the sense of having all of unit plans completed well in advance so that the direction of her classes were clear and well prepared. She has tremendous writing skills, with a very strong able to clearly present for her students. Her outstanding traits are her honesty, her positive attitude, her caring feelings for helping other people, her reliability, and her high integrity. Lindsay sets her goals and her standards very high and works to meet and exceed her goals and standards.

Lindsay has the intellect and the skills to immediately work with her new educational colleagues in a sharing and insightful manner. I see her being an exceptional addition to a school faculty. Her students would be extremely fortunate to have Lindsay as their teacher. I have seen her work with the most capable of students and the most challenging. She treats all with total respect and dignity, dealing with her students according to their personal learning styles and personal life issues. Lindsay is probably her strongest critic and this trait has allowed Lindsay to be a highly reflected young woman who is able to accurately assess a situation and to understand what is necessary to be successfully.

I am highly impressed with this young woman's maturity and ability to be thorough in her thinking and her decision making ability. I highly recommend Lindsay as an extremely talented young teacher. She will greatly add integrity, creativity, innovation, and caring to your school and for her students.

Respectfully

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