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To Whom It May Concern:

I write this as a reference for Lindsay Jagodowski, whom I have come to know well over the past four years. Lindsay is a recent graduate from Smith College, where she majored in theater. As her theater professor and advisor, I have had the opportunity to get to know Lindsay both in and outside of class. She has worked as my research assistant, taken several of my courses, been my advisee, and I have frequently seen her perform on stage at Smith. I have tremendous respect for Lindsay, and I value her work very highly. I find her to be mature, thoughtful, positive, enthusiastic and a true delight to know. She has indicated a strong desire to train as a teacher and in my estimation; she is superbly suited for the classroom.

Lindsay is intelligent, perceptive, motivated and hard-working. She is an excellent student, detail-oriented and thorough in her research, excellent in oral and written communication. She participates enthusiastically in class, bringing a lively interest to the work at hand. Her avid engagement and perceptive observations regularly helped to spark classroom discussion. In Directing I and again in Directing II, she combined theatrical sensibility with clarity of thought, critical analysis, and a strong creative vision. Above all, Lindsay is a marvelous team player who brings out the best in her peers through genuine collaboration. She has great people skills; she listens, she is generous and caring, she knows when and how to compromise, and she has a talent for bringing people together. These are vital skills for a theater director, Lindsay's fine directorial work in the Advanced Directing class on segments of Corneille's *Illusion* testify to her capacity as a theater artist.

Over the past year Lindsay has also been my research assistant, and I find her to be consistent, reliable, and a pleasure to work with. She is always willing to go the extra mile to accomplish the task at hand. We have worked together in a variety of ways, and in all respects I find Lindsay to be a young woman of integrity, and I am pleased to be able to speak in her behalf. I recommend her to you with full enthusiasm.

Sincerely,

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