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Dear Selection Committee:

It is with great pleasure that I give Kylee McDaniel my highest recommendation for a K-12 art teaching position. Since January 2022, I have had the pleasure of working with Kylee as her advisor and professor for Media and Techniques for Art Teachers, Methods of Teaching Art and currently in Professional Seminar for Art Teachers. In each of these situations she has performed brilliantly. Kylee is a warm, intelligent, and creative artist/teacher.

Ms. McDaniel distinguished herself during her full-time practicum by developing exemplary art problems. Her thoughtful planning, organization, and creativity led to well-orchestrated engaging units. The learning experiences Kylee planned provided ample opportunity for artistic choice while ensuring that all students were successful. She innovatively uses a variety of materials and resources that align with objectives, makes content relevant to learners and encourages individualization of learning. Kylee's artistic strength is ceramics, and she planned multiple learning experiences for her students in clay that resulted in personally meaningful creations. This was beautifully exemplified in her curriculum unit inspired by the terracotta tiles of Mabjodha Rana, guiding students to create personally relevant ceramic pieces exploring cultural themes. Two strengths that stand out are Kylee's ability to facilitate discussions that promote critical thinking and breaking down complex concepts for learners. Finally, she used various assessment strategies to monitor and evaluate student learning and effectively managed classroom routines and student behavior.

Kylee works well across difference and is sensitive to a variety of cultural contexts. Kylee is passionate and deeply committed to equity, diversity, and inclusion and will thoughtfully contribute to this work in any school community. Her empathetic nature and intelligence enables her to understand and value other people's perspectives and work well collaboratively. She has developed innovative curricular materials for the art classroom that foreground art exemplars that are from underrepresented groups, and works diligently to create culturally relevant learning experiences, and sets an inclusive and welcoming

classroom environment. Kylee went above and beyond to ensure English language learners had equitable access, translating key instructions and assessments into multiple languages

Kylee brings warmth, maturity, and sound judgement to all professional relationships which enables her to quickly establish rapport with her students, peers, and mentors. Kylee is self-directed and communicates effectively orally and in writing and works well both independently and collaboratively. She asks thoughtful questions, internalizes feedback with care and intelligence, and seeks out opportunities for personal and professional growth.

In the contexts in which I have had the pleasure of working with Kylee, she has demonstrated her intelligence, creativity, and genuine delight in young people's development. After evaluating her work, observing her performance in multiple contexts, and supervising her teaching, I am confident that Kylee McDaniel will make a significant contribution as an art educator. In fact, Kylee is the kind of art educator that I would be thrilled to have for my own children. I strongly encourage you to interview Kylee McDaniel and give her your full consideration. She will be a tremendous asset to any school community that she joins. Please feel free to contact me should you require additional information.

Sincerely,



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