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### RECOMMENDATION FOR AMELIA HARKENRIDER

It is a pleasure to write a recommendation for Amelia Harkenrider. I have known Amelia for the past three years as a student in my classes and clinical experiences and as a member of the Hope College Education Department's Student Technology Team. Amelia is an intelligent, hard-working, empathic, determined, and passionate young woman who will be a positive influence in the lives of her students.

As a student in my Encounters with Cultures class, I found Amelia to be a quiet, reflective leader who cared about her peers and listened carefully to their thoughts and opinions. She was the most attentive and caring student I have had in classes in years. She was eager to learn and her commitment to carefully examining the history and culture of the Lakota Sioux was admirable. Part of the course focused on the history of Boarding Schools for Indian children, and Amelia was determined to learn as much as possible. She will be an advocate for *all* students and help them learn and grow socially, emotionally, and academically.

In the course, Exceptional Children and Adolescence, Amelia again demonstrated her eagerness to learn and be an advocate for students with disabilities. She is fully prepared to differentiate her instruction and make appropriate accommodations to address the needs of students with disabilities. She will be a contributing member of an Individualized Educational Planning Team and suggest technologies to help students access the curriculum. Amelia will create a classroom environment where students are valued and know their teacher genuinely cares for them.

As a member of the Education Department's Student Technology Team, Amelia has been a force on the video services committee. She videotapes student presentations, guest speakers, and Technology Walk-Throughs and uploads them to the Tech Team website for viewing by students and faculty. She is a dedicated and skilled member of this team. More importantly, Amelia is the person who will follow through when others fail to complete their tasks. Her high level of responsibility and dependability make her one of the most valuable students on the team.

Amelia Harkenrider will be a valued member of a school district fortunate enough to have her on staff. She will be an excellent role model for her students and will work cooperatively with teachers, administration, parents, and guardians.

Sincerely,

*Susan Cherup*

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