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To Whom It May Concern,

It is with great pleasure and confidence I write to you recommending Jacquelyn Ciarleglio for the upcoming school year. I had the privilege to work with Jacquelyn, or Jac, as I know her, first as a junior and now, senior, in my Honor's Journalism course at The Morgan School. Over that time, I have grown increasingly impressed with both her work ethic, organizational aptitude, and overall leadership skills.

Jac was part of the first editorial team I had here at Morgan. Previously, I ran a program at another school, Brien McMahon High School, but wasn't able to return to the world of Journalism till last year, at Morgan. Revamping a program can be hard. From experience, the editors can make or break the success early on. I couldn't have been more lucky to have a student like Jac lead the way. From the beginning, she came in determined. And set on success. That's Jac. She will run through a wall if it means completing her goal.

She quickly spearheaded the social media team, overseeing a group of six students and creating a thriving social media network that posted every day. Over the course of the year, we would almost double our audience, and produced breaking news that was relevant and important to students. She worked every day to help organize and structure her team's posts. Starting a new program, I didn't have much time to focus on social media, but Jac was able to take the lead and develop a medium that is used daily today - as the number one source of information for our audience.

Saying that, social media, and mass communication, short form, was an area of strength for her. So was management of students. Where I have seen the most growth, however, has been in her writing. As an editor, I held her to a high standard as a writer. She needed to be aware of the conventions of journalism and reporting early on. She struggled early. But, Jac isn't one to quit. She wrote and she wrote. She got ahead of her due dates. She wrote extra. She made the changes she needed to make to be an editor for her staff reporters. As I read her first profile piece of the year, yesterday, now as a senior, I was blown away by the growth she made in a short time. All due to her willingness to improve.

Finally, I would like to point out what I believe to be the true essence of Jac. During the second semester, last year, a new student, a freshman, was placed into the class. She struggled to write. She was quiet, as you would expect a freshman to be. And she was begging to be taken out of the class. Once, I heard this, I asked Jac to have a conversation with her. From that moment forward, everything changed for that student. Jac took her under her wing. She helped her plan and organize her work. She helped her with reporting, and taught her how to produce a social media post that informs and engages. That same student signed up for Journalism this year. Not because of anything I did, but because Jac had that kind of impact on her.

If you accept Jac, she will have that same impact on your students. She will be dedicated and focused. She will run through walls to accomplish her dreams, and when asked, she will bring others with her. For that reason, and many more, I recommend her for your university. You would be lucky to have her.

Sincerely,

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