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## To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Katelyn Hartupee Malett. I have known Kate for the last two years as a student in my courses and feel because of this, I can speak honestly about her.

Kate as a student is no where near average. She is nothing less than the very best she can possibly be which always puts her at the top of her class. She produces assignments and projects that are outstanding. What I admire about her is Kate is not satisfied with just getting things done. She genuinely challenges herself with each task at hand and strives to achieve the very best she possibly can. This was more than evident in my English 11, Debate, and Speech classes. She worked hard and prepared ahead of time so by the due date, and usually before, she was more than ready. Her work always had an air of creativity to it, and it was easy to know it was her voice, her ideas coming through. I love seeing this in young adults today, and Ms. Hartupee Malett is exceptional at it. Along with that, Kate has another interesting quality.

Katelyn Hartupee Malett is not all test scores and work. She is involved with her school and friends inside the classroom as well as outside of it. She has been a Member of Business Professionals of America for the past three years, running Cross Country on a State contending team, studying Dual Enrollment where she excelled and will graduate with 30 credit hours already done, I find all of Kate's accomplishments impressive, and she does all of this with something very special about her.

One last thing that helps separate Kate from the pack of average and places her to the far right of the Bell Shaped Curve is her passion for knowledge, her ability to look at both sides of an issue, study it, and then make an educated decision as to her position. Even after Debate class I have had conversations with her concerning world issues. Each time we challenge each other with ideas on both sides of the issue and learn from each other. I wish more people could keep a perspective like Kate's when it comes to rational thought.

To sum it all up, Katelyn Hartupee Malett is a delight to have around and would benefit any college, business, or project she sets her mind to. I cannot say enough good things about her and how sorry she will be missed in my classes. To give her my highest compliment is simple. I would not hesitate a split second in having her watch my children, my dogs, or my house. Hiring her for a job or awarding her a scholarship is a no-brainer. She gets it every time in my book.

Please feel free to contact me at the above address and phone number at your leisure.

Sincerely,

Jay B. Gross