

To Whom It May Concern:

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I am writing to recommend Camilia Jones for employment with your organization. I have known Camilia since summer 2016, when she served as Assistant Instructor intern with WHYY's Summer Journalists and Summer Filmmakers program.

The WHYY Summer programs are intensive media training experiences for high school students. Students learn to create multimedia journalism (WHYY Summer Journalists) and short films (Summer Filmmakers) through real-world production on location throughout Philadelphia, Students working in small groups generate story ideas, plan, script, shoot, record audio, edit, and ultimately screen their work.

Each group of students is led by an Assistant Instructor, a sort of coach/mentor/editor who guides the students through the process, makes sure they stay on task, manages group dynamics, and generally offers an adult perspective to the teenagers' plans and ideas. The Assistant Instructor chaperones students on location shoots and ensures they deliver their final products on deadline. This is the role Camilia took on as an intern at WHYY, and she performed it admirably.

Over the course of the seven weeks Camilia spent with us, she was a dependable employee with good work habits and a true dedication to the program. She was always eager to help out with assigned tasks and a quick volunteer for additional assignments. She was a mentor to the kids and a reliable custodian of the students' relationships and work products. We knew that if we sent her out with a group of students, they would return with high-quality footage and a positive experience.

Camilia once again volunteered to join us during her winter break in 2016-17 to help students in our programs. This time around, she was working with students in our afterschool program, as they worked to create original documentaries and studio productions.

Camilia was also able to showcase some of her editing talents, when she edited a nice outtake reel for our WHYY I Like This Book program, offering a brief behind-the-scenes look at a studio shoot featuring kids and their favorite books. The reel was screened at the premiere for the WHYY I Like This Book television spots to family members and funders.

As she nears completion of her Mass Communication degree from Bloomsburg University, I have no doubt that Camilia has the skills and personality to succeed in a variety of workplaces.

Sincerely,

Craig Santoro

Director of Educational Programs, WHYY







