



February 18, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Paige McCloskey whom I have had the pleasure of supervising throughout her graduate internship experience since September of 2018. Paige has been a wonderful addition to the Archbishop Wood High School community. She immediately earned the respect as a professional school counselor from our administration and staff and was quick to build rapport with our students. She remained a dedicated and influential member of our team where student success is of most importance.

While working at Wood, Paige helped many seniors with transition planning. In particular, she helped them with the Common Application, Naviance and College Board to explore post secondary paths to fit each students' interests and goals. She helped many students find colleges and universities that were a best fit. Paige spent much time in our college and career center planning college rep visits, presentations and instant decision days.

In addition to working with seniors, Paige took the lead on interviewing freshmen and ensuring that each student felt established socially, academically and emotionally. Paige was part of our intervention/prevention team and provided much insight on students who were in need of support. Paige kept in constant communication with faculty members and parents throughout her internship experience.

Overall, Paige excelled at her position as school counseling intern and quickly adapted to the Archbishop Wood community by building trust and rapport with students, staff, faculty, parents and administration. It has been wonderful to watch Paige grow professionally and I am delighted to have had the opportunity to work with her. She demonstrated her skills as an exceptional school counselor with superior communication and organizational skills further possessing a strong sense of her ethical responsibilities.

I strongly believe Paige will make a difference in the lives of clients with whom she has an opportunity to work with and I highly recommend her for the position of a school counselor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alicia Lynch".

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March 2nd, 2019

To Whom This May Concern,

It is my absolute pleasure to recommend Miss Paige McCloskey to your educational organization for the school guidance counselor position. I came to know Paige when I was her counseling intern supervisor in the 2017-18 school year, and as a one-on-one therapeutic-behavioral support to a student with autism the previous year. Paige distinguished herself by her remarkable ability to communicate effectively with students. Her ability to calm angry or frustrated students is unparalleled, and it is because of her excellence in this area that I repeatedly asked her to counsel the most challenging students in our school.

Of Particular value to the school community, Paige displayed a knowledge of counseling basic theories and associated skills, demonstrated excellent interpersonal and listening skills, conveyed sensitivity, genuineness and empathy to students, and sought out to expand her knowledge to maximize student personal, emotional and educational development and success.

Paige is intelligent, reliable, dedicated, hard working, organized, analytically skilled, diligent, amazingly fast learner, multi-tasker and very capable of handling a high-risk workload/ student population. Paige consistently met or surpassed all counseling-student goals assigned. In addition, Paige conducted herself with professionalism, integrity and demonstrated equity, advocacy and adherence to ethical standards/values for all students, and parents.

Paige is unquestionably an exceptional candidate to join your team at your educational institution. Paige McCloskey has my highest recommendation, and I am happy to expand on my recommendation.

Sincerely,

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Recommendation for Paige McCloskey

Paige worked as a counseling intern student during the Spring 2018 semester at Afton Elementary School. She was diligent in her professionalism, ethical decision-making, and desire to meet the needs of the students.

Her experience at the elementary level has included individual counseling, small group counseling, classroom and student observations and teaching classroom guidance lessons. Paige has had the opportunity to attend many parent conferences, IEP team meetings as well as grade level MTSS meetings. Paige participated in all aspects of planning, preparing for and administering the PSSA. She quickly acclimated to Afton. She started by learning about the school population, staff, and programs, and co-facilitating many lunch bunch groups with students at various grade levels. Her clients included students with behavioral issues, friendship concerns, fears, and limited self-confidence, and Paige maintained a supportive, therapeutic relationship with many of them. She has organized, planned and led some friendship/lunch bunch groups and has demonstrated flexibility as she adapted to the needs of the participants.

Some of Paige's best assets are her creativity, flexibility, organizational skills, warm-heartedness, and interest in learning. Paige worked well with a wide variety of students. She had a great way of connecting with them and made them feel comfortable and valued. Paige also happily researched information and utilized a variety of resources and tools when working with the children. Her daily motivation was evident in her work with our students. Paige focused on helping students make positive self-improvements and helped them to feel good about their successes.

Paige showed tremendous growth over the course of her time at Afton and ended her internship with increased comfort in the school counseling setting and confidence about the services she provides and the impact that she has on the students. I have received so much positive feedback from the school staff about how well Paige worked with our students. I recommend her for any school counseling position whole-heartedly. I would be happy to discuss Paige's qualifications in more depth. Feel free to contact me for further information.

Sincerely,



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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my great pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Paige McCloskey. Paige graduated from Holy Family's Graduate Program in Counseling Psychology in December, 2018. In addition to having Paige in a number of classes, I had the wonderful opportunity to serve as her faculty advisor. It was a delight for me to see her grow professionally throughout the course of her graduate studies.

Paige completed one internship at Archbishop Wood High school where she helped students apply to post-secondary schools and other alternatives. She also completed internships at Afton Elementary School, and Stephen Decatur Elementary School where she provided individual and group counseling as well as classroom guidance lessons. She received outstanding evaluations from her supervisors at each of these sites.

In addition to her internship and practicum experiences, Paige has a history of being dedicated to serving children and adolescents in a number of capacities. As a Therapeutic Support Staff for Special Persons in the Northeast (SPIN) she provides one-on-one assistance to children and adolescents with behavior disorders and is able to do Applied Behavior Analysis when required. She also served as a mental health worker at SPIN's Summer Therapeutic Activities Program.

I cannot say enough positive things about Paige. She is extremely generous with her time and talents. She is sensitive to those around her and is always willing to take initiative. She shows a great deal of independence. Paige knows how to communicate with her supervisors as well as with her peers and is always willing to accept feedback.

Paige is not only a highly motivated, intelligent, and hard-working young woman but likewise possesses a keen sense of ethical responsibility. She is very self-reflective and, as such, has a strong awareness of her strengths and limitations. I anticipate that she will be a real asset to any school or agency. I make this recommendation without reservation. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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