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GRADUATE PROGRAMS

To: Human Resources and/or Potential Employers

From: Dr. Heather Barto

Date: February 12, 2020

Re: Reference Letter for Sharia Mapp

I had the pleasure to be Sharia's college supervisor for her elementary and secondary internship placements for the Messiah College Masters in Counseling Program. Sharia learned a great deal about the field of school counseling through her coursework, and was able to practically apply the information during her field placement experiences. Sharia selected charter school settings for her internship placements which allowed her to develop her school counseling skills while working with a diverse student population. She was able to develop effective individual counseling relationships with students to address personal, academic and career related issues. Her site supervisor noted that her ability to connect and build relationships with confidence, respect, and maturity as one of her strongest assets. In addition to working with students, Sharia demonstrated the ability to work effectively with parents, school administrators, teachers, and other school community members over the course of her internships.

Sharia had a number of experiences during her internship placements that will help her to become an excellent school counselor. She was able to participate as a valuable team player within the school counseling programs. She was able to take on the role of a school counselor with supervision. She was able to gain a better understanding of the role of the school counselor within the school and the need to develop and implement a comprehensive and developmental school counseling program to meet the needs of all students. Sharia can be described as a committed, goal orientated, and determined self-starter who is also able to see and respect different perspectives. She demonstrated the ability to develop positive communication and relationships with both students and colleagues during her internship experiences.

Given her academic success in her coursework and dedication in her field placement experiences, Sharia would be a great addition to any school staff. Her energy, focus, maturity, and drive to help students be successful would benefit any school. Please feel free to contact me via email [hbarto@messiah.edu](mailto:hbarto@messiah.edu) or phone (717) 796-1800 x2112 if you have any questions or need additional information.

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