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To Whom It May Concern:

**Katherine L. "Kailyn" Getchell**

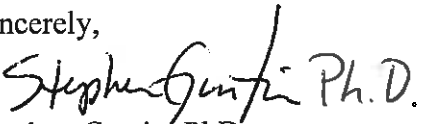
It is an honor and a pleasure to write a recommendation for Kailyn Getchell. I have known Kailyn since 1998, when she entered the Whitman Middle School as a sixth grader. By the time she left here in June, 2001, she promised she would return, as her goal at that time was to be a school counselor someday. In 2005, she participated in her senior year Community Service Learning project here at the Counseling Office. Last year, she completed her Graduate School practicum and part of her internship with me, fulfilling her goal from long ago to be a school counselor.

During her time at the Whitman Middle School, Kailyn participated in all areas of our counseling program including: individual and group work with students; parent communication; career education; Child Study Team; MCAS logistics and administration; Special Education Team meetings; and even the Morning News program. Kailyn contributed a great deal to all these endeavors with enthusiasm and confidence. With her natural nurturing demeanor, she quickly established positive relationships with many students and they came to rely on her for help and support. She was also viewed very positively by faculty and staff as she is very engaging and also an excellent communicator. She truly excelled in all that she did with us. She will be an excellent school counselor, and I believe she has probably known that for quite some time. Now she has shown us that she is indeed able to do what she has always wanted.

Kailyn Getchell spent a great deal of time with us at the Whitman Middle School, and because of her excellent work here, she is truly missed. She has a great deal to offer any school and the community that hires her will be fortunate indeed to have her on staff.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any additional information about Kailyn.

Sincerely,

  
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