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To Whom It May Concern:


I am humbled to be able to write this letter, informing you on the spectacular teaching abilities that Kate continuously provides for her students. I was lucky enough to be part of Kate's rhetoric course my freshman year at the University of Iowa. The first literature course in college can be quite intimidating for many students, but that was never the case in Kate's classroom. We were always encouraged to interact and share ideas with her and fellow classmates. Along with that, she made it clear to us that her office was always open for any students who needed to further discuss assignments or material covered in class.

Kate always had new and fun ways to get the class involved in conversation and to get us really thinking about any of the projects or readings. For example, every week Kate would present the class with several news articles that connected with the themes in class. We would collect different ideas provided in the articles, and as a class, take time discussing our thoughts and how it connected well with the themes in class. We were also given projects that required our own research outside of the classroom to help us create papers and presentations. These projects not only developed our skills and application of technology based research, it again created thought provoking ideas and discussion in the classroom.

I remember specifically one speech that required us to pick a charitable cause, then plan and present an event to help raise money and awareness for the cause. This specific presentation was special to me, because the cause I wanted to create awareness for had affected my family in the past. Kate was aware of this and knew how important the speech was to me. She shared countless office hours and emails with me, always approaching the project with the same importance as I did to make sure the presentation went perfect.

Kate always created a fun and interactive environment in her classroom that students were always excited to attend and participate in. She provided unparalleled attention to each student's needs, and made sure that we were always as informed and as comfortable as we could be with the material. If you take the initiative to go out of your way to receive extra help in college, you can create many amazing relationships with Professors and TA's. Kate's different, she goes out of *her* way to help and create relationships with her students. Kate Nesbit is an outstanding teacher and person, and I hope you strongly consider her for this award.

Sincerely,

  
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