

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for recent MSW graduate Perri Kruse. I had the good fortune to have her in my graduate class of Child Welfare Policy, a fairly rigorous course requiring public speaking, presentations, five policy analysis briefing papers, an individual presentation, a group presentation, and multiple team exercises and activities. I grew to know Ms. Kruse quite well, as she was an active class participant and a hard worker, interested in doing her best, and she came to meet with me several times after class to discuss assignments as well as her interests and goals.

Perri was one of the few students not required to take this course; she took it based on her own interests and professional aspirations. She is very interested in combatting violence against women and developing herself as a practitioner as well as informing her ability to provide leadership and policy in that arena to benefit society's victims of interpersonal violence.

Perri was the first to volunteer along with her two group members to go first in the classroom group presentations; not only were their presentation skills excellent, their research and information as well as a thoroughly researched and well written paper, above and beyond the requirements of the assignment, earned them an A+. All of her papers as well as her classroom participation and performance on activities and exercises demonstrated strong presentation skills, articulate speaking ability, strong analytic and reasoning abilities, organized thought processes, and a depth of understanding, compassion, and realistic and strategic thinking. She was always pleasant, intelligent, polite, and a leader in terms of getting work done, understanding assignments and concepts, and making sure she was thorough, competent, and on target. She incorporated in suggestions and input well, demonstrating the ability to meet expectations and work well with those in supervisory positions, as well as the ability to think on her feet and demonstrated integrity in completing and surpassing expectations of her. She writes well and keeps ahead of assignments, always submitting documents timely or ahead of schedule.

Overall Perri Kruse has been academically sound and has excelled here at the UCLA Department of Social Welfare, with the Luskin School of Public Affairs. If you are looking for a bright, competent, hard working, collaborative, cheerful, and thoughtful leader, look no further.

Clearly Ms. Kruse is goal oriented, has a strong work ethic, and willing to go the extra mile to ensure excellence, preparation, and competence. I am fully confident that these same qualities will benefit any organization who is fortunate to have her come into their employ. I have no hesitations in making this recommendation.

Sincerely,

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