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I have had the pleasure of knowing and working closely with Perri Kruse for the past 2 years, both as a student in class and in her leadership roles in the MSW program. Our interactions, both in and out of the classroom have demonstrated her ability to make significant contributions to endeavors in which she is engaged, whether academic or professional.

Academically, Perri has excelled. She has worked tirelessly to enhance her expertise in the areas of child welfare and domestic violence. Beyond understanding the material, Perri uses her insight and experience in addressing some of the challenges inherent in conceptualizing, and understanding these areas. She can clearly express her ideas, both verbally, including presentations, and more importantly in writing.

Through my many interactions with Perri it is clear she exhibits many strengths, including a systematic and creative approach to problem-solving, and the ability to plan, organize and complete long-term, complicated projects. She has the type of mind that can identify a problem, classify its components, and choose a solution targeted at the area where the greatest impact is likely to occur. She also sought advice from individuals with expertise in subject matters that were new to her. She exhibited an ability to understand existing knowledge and bring a new perspective to a problem, joining in the effort to find solutions.

I have observed Perri's developing ability at planning and completing complex projects over the past year. As the Feminist Caucus Chair she continued to demonstrate skills in leadership, and most importantly, working as part of a team. This work required conceptualizing a problem, gathering information, planning an approach to the problem as part of a team, and ultimately executing the plan. This kind of accomplishment takes initiative, commitment, and dedication. I have seen her address challenges, both professional and interpersonal, in a professional manner.

Ms. Kruse's performance to date shows that she should have no difficulty attaining future success as a social work professional. Her willingness to engage herself fully in a chosen endeavor, and her willingness to engage and actively participate in the opportunities provided to her, makes her an excellent candidate for a position in the field of Social Welfare.



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