

February 16, 2024

Dear Hiring Committee,

Kendall Riley was an outstanding student of mine in the School of Education; Adult to Young Adolescent (AYA) Program at Shawnee State University. She was in my Introduction to Education EDUC 1115 & Foundations of Education EDAE 2285 courses during my time at SSU. During the EDUC 1115 course Kendall stood out as an outstanding future teacher candidate. Kendall wanted to learn and grow as a student and teacher. EDAE 2285 is one of the first opportunities to plan and teach alongside a classroom teacher. Students also spend a great deal of time researching and applying skills around young to adolescent student behaviors and learning styles. Kendall took advantage of this opportunity to set herself apart from many other candidates as she continued her impressive march toward a teaching degree in this course observing, learning and applying what she learned in her own lessons.

Currently I am serving as a high school principal at Western Pike High School. I appreciate and look for work ethic, a willingness to learn and grow and a positive attitude. Kendall brought all of those attributes to class every week, and her work is outstanding. In fact, Kendall simply made every class fun and enjoyable. She would bring the same set of attributes to your organization. During all of my time as an educational leader, I would try to hold the standard of asking myself whether I would put my own children in this teacher candidate's classroom, and would Kendall earn a **yes** with no hesitation. In short, I would hire this candidate with no reservations.

If you have any questions regarding this deserving candidate, please reach out to me through my personal cell 937-205-2687. This letter will likely not capture the promise and bright future our field has in Kendall Riley.

Sincerely,



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