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Dear Colleague:

I have known Maci since Fall 2025 in my role as her professor and student media adviser. Maci took my course News Writing & Reporting where she excelled at storytelling and visuals. At the same time, she was working as the assistant news director for our less than one-year-old news broadcast. This broadcast had just won statewide and national recognition in its first year. The broadcast was so new that the team was still experimenting and trying different formats for the once-per-month program.

Maci and her news director recruited and trained staff on all technical aspects of the broadcast while producing packages themselves over the summer and fall 2025. This spring, she took the lead position as news director and has shortened the broadcast to 15 minutes, while producing two broadcasts per month. She put the focus on professionalism and timeliness. Her team is one of the largest and most dedicated among our student media organization.

I attribute this loyalty from Maci's team to her work ethic. She stays late, works hard and doesn't ask her team to do anything she hasn't done or wouldn't do herself. She has set strict standards and the product has benefitted. She regularly hears from other faculty about the work they are doing.

After almost nine years of trying to get University Star students to start a broadcast, Maci was one of the original students who started this one and has kept it going. I am happy to report that it isn't just surviving. Under Maci's leadership it is thriving.

I recommend her without hesitation. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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