

April 6, 2020

Re: Recommendation for Mr. Keegan Long

From: Travis Thompson, Elkhorn High School Teacher

To Whom It May Concern:

I am honored to offer this letter of recommendation on behalf of Mr. Keegan Long and the excellence he demonstrated within his teaching practice at Elkhorn High School. In my opinion, Mr. Long has exactly what it takes to empower kids to qualify for college, more so he will model the grit necessary for them to survive there. Keegan has real talent and he is on a path to experience a life of learning on an extraordinary level. It is a path of unlimited potential forged with genuine integrity and character. The institution that invests in this young man will have solidified an opportunity for their students to accomplish more and live more fulfilling lives.

Keegan is one of the most unique and inspiring persons I have known in 22 years of teaching. An intellectual in the making, Mr. Long communicates his passion for education through his empathy for his students, effective assessment methods, and his convictions on advancing our community and country. Through insightful lesson design, Keegan will greatly improve the quality of student learning. How does he accomplish this one may ask. Keegan Long gets students interested. He raises their curiosity. He provides a safe and successful classroom disciplined by his daily procedures and the relationships built with his students. This effortless ability to teach 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills while captivating his audience in a meaningful manner is a real talent. And Keegan Long is on his way to one day mastering it.

I admire Keegan because he knows himself well, has a modest opinion of himself, and because he finds true joy in his craft. He is bold enough to take professional risks and humble enough to draw from professional criticism. It is for the characteristics mentioned above, and for his uplifting approach to life in learning, that assure me Keegan Long will grow in his excellence as a teacher and citizen. I am anxious to see what institution will invest in this splendid young man.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Travis Thompson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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