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To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure to write a letter of recommendation for Casheema Omowabi, a recent student in a course I taught at Triton College, in the spring semester of 2017. During this course, Ms. Omowabi worked to achieve a level of success that ranks her among the best students I have had the opportunity to instruct.

Casheema is a rare type of student who combined exceptional natural ability with a willingness and eagerness to move beyond learning material, to an application of course content. She challenged herself to connect information to her prior knowledge reaching a level of deep conceptual understanding. As the course content focused on the health, safety, and nutritional wellness of young children, Casheema utilized her knowledge of child development to analyze and reflect on new information. This quality made Casheema unique, as she not only worked to increase her understanding, but was a support to her peers. Selfless, would be one way to characterize Casheema, as I witnessed firsthand her commitment to be a leader within a collaborative, community environment.

The passion, along with Casheema's intellectual curiosity and self-motivation, established her as highly qualified to make connections and develop opportunities for young children, through engaging learning environments. Always reflecting on how best to support each child's social, emotional, cognitive, and physical growth through developmentally appropriate practices; Casheema was able to design lessons and identify opportunities through routines to best meet these goals.

Although I have only had the fortune of working with Casheema for several months, she was able to distinguish herself as a knowledgeable leader within the class. The compassion and caring for young children has been abundantly obvious through her work and efforts. I am pleased that Casheema will be joining the ranks of early child care providers as she will be of great service to her community.

Sincerely,



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