



Education Campus

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To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Darlene Borchert. I have had the privilege of working alongside Darlene in multiple capacities over the past several years. From 2020 through 2023, I served as Assistant Principal at Harkness Career and Technical Center, where I supervised Darlene in her role as the Fashion Design Technology Instructor. More recently, as Associate Director of Career and Technical Education, I have continued to witness Darlene's commitment to students and her collaborative work across programs and centers to create authentic learning experiences.

Darlene is a dedicated educator who consistently places students at the center of her decision-making. Throughout her career, she has demonstrated a commitment to providing meaningful opportunities that prepare students for success beyond the classroom. Her work developing and implementing a comprehensive Fashion Design Technology program reflects both her instructional expertise and her ability to align curriculum with academic and career-readiness standards. During her tenure, she transformed the program's student capstone fashion show from a small event held within the school hallways into a large-scale showcase that now attracts more than 500 attendees. Through her vision, organization, and ability to connect with stakeholders, she elevated the event into an authentic learning experience that celebrates student achievement.

One of Darlene's greatest strengths is her ability to build relationships and create opportunities for students. She has cultivated strong partnerships with local industry professionals that provide her students with the opportunity to engage in valuable work-based learning experiences that connect classroom instruction to real-world careers. She has cultivated a robust advisory council that serves as her sounding board for ongoing development of her program. Darlene seeks and incorporates feedback to ensure instructional practices and student experiences remain aligned with current workforce demands and emerging industry trends. Her commitment to continuous improvement has enabled the program to evolve.

I am confident that Darlene will continue to make a positive impact in any educational leadership role she pursues. She brings a unique combination of instructional expertise, collaborative leadership, student advocacy, and career and technical education experience that would be an asset to any organization.

I recommend Darlene without reservation and would welcome the opportunity to discuss her qualifications further.

Sincerely,

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Simone Klubek

Associate Director of Career and Technical Education

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