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To Whom It May Concern:

I am honored to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Jazmine Bowling, a young woman who has impressed me from the day we met with her maturity, ambition, and unwavering determination.

I first met Jazmine when she was a student at Western Boone Jr.-Sr. High School. At the time, she was facing challenges far beyond those typically encountered by students her age, including the loss of stable housing. Her counselor referred her to me to determine whether she qualified for support under the McKinney-Vento Act. From the moment she sat down, I was struck by her poise, articulate communication, and the sincerity in her tone, as she described her situation. Unlike many students experiencing similar circumstances, Jazmine carried herself with dignity, clarity, and a remarkable level of composure. She refused to regard herself as a victim; instead, she focused squarely on moving forward, pursuing her post-secondary goals, and overcoming the obstacles in her path. As she told me her story, I remember thinking, *This young lady is going to rise above this and make it.*

Jazmine's dream of becoming a teacher has been unwavering. She enrolled in cadet teaching courses in high school, gaining valuable experience in an elementary classroom and earning college credits toward her degree in education. She graduated tenth in her class, earning all As and one B+. After graduation, she enrolled at Ivy Tech, where she successfully earned her associate's degree in elementary education—all while supporting herself by working part time as a preschool teacher. With her eye on her goal, she has continued her pursuits, enrolling at Western Governor's University to complete her bachelor's degree in education.

Since her graduation from Western Boone, Jazmine has stayed in close contact, regularly updating me on her progress as she works to turn her dreams into reality. Despite ongoing challenges—any one of which might sideline a lesser-determined person—Jazmine continues to persevere with exceptional focus, drive, and resilience. I look forward to every email she sends, and each year, I tell her how proud I am of the young woman she has become. Three and a half years after first meeting her, I believe more strongly than ever that Jazmine is destined to rise above and achieve her goals.

Jazmine is truly an inspiration to me. I have no doubt that she will one day stand in front of her own classroom, inspiring children to dream big and believe in their own potential. I hope you share my admiration for this remarkable young woman and offer her the opportunities she needs to continue growing, achieving, and inspiring others.

Sincerely,

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