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RECOMMENDATION FOR DANIELLE TEPPER

Danielle Tepper asked me to write a recommendation for her, and I am happy to do so. I first got to know Danielle while she was a student of mine in several creative writing and literature classes through the English department at Lock Haven University. Danielle is a solid, creative, and often insightful author. Although at times distracted from course goals, Danielle works well with others and addresses interesting themes and issues both in discussion and her own writing. She is particularly interested in the role of writer as it shapes the individual and society.

This latter interest fueled her enthusiasm for LHU's UpWrite author reading series, which I help direct, and which brings to campus nationally known authors that emphasize diversity. Danielle diligently covered this series for the campus newspaper, *The Eagle Eye*, writing in-depth features about the events before they occurred and often as follow-up articles. In addition, she sometimes conducted interviews with the writers themselves and with audience members. The former, I believe, requires confidence and poise; the latter, an ability to read others' reactions.

The reading series committee and I depended on Danielle's articles to help publicize the readings, which were attended by up to 150 students, faculty, and community members. Her work helped create and maintain interest for the series, and for this we remain grateful. I believe she will bring this same enthusiasm and willingness to learn to any writing job she undertakes. I encourage you to consider her application seriously. I do not think you will be disappointed.

If you have any questions, I would be happy to discuss her qualifications further. Please don't hesitate to contact me at 570-484-2044 or mmaddoxh@lhup.edu

Sincerely,

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