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Dear Graduate School Admissions Officer:

It is my great pleasure to write a recommendation for Kabenzie Kalinski for the MS in Teaching at Evergreen College, Olympia, Washington. I've had the privilege of knowing her as a professor and advisor since she transferred to Seattle Pacific University (SPU) during the Autumn quarter of 2019.

Kabenzie is a self-motivated, hardworking, and responsible individual. Her positivity, creativity, and excellent communication skills make her a natural collaborator and leader. Her commitment to lifelong learning and passion for teaching are evident in everything she does. Throughout my courses, she consistently fostered a positive and creative work environment, demonstrating strong interpersonal skills and effective teamwork. As she pursues a career as a K-6 grade teacher, I have no doubt that these strengths will enable her to connect with and inspire her future students.

Currently, she works as a Youth Development Professional (YDP) at the Boys and Girls Club in Thurston County. In this role, she helps create an environment where youth feel confident, comfortable, and heard. This experience is preparing her well for a successful career as an elementary school teacher.

Kabenzie's creativity is also evident in her course projects when she was at SPU, where she consistently produced outstanding work. She not only excels in her academic pursuits but also brings her creativity into her daily life, even designing her own accessories.

She continually discovers innovative ways to inspire young people to express their creativity and develop their unique artistic styles. With a lifelong passion for art and a deep commitment to working with youth, she is well-suited for a career in elementary education. Her dedication to motivating students and guiding them toward becoming future leaders is truly commendable. Additionally, her strong time management skills ensure she consistently meets deadlines, an essential quality for any educator.

I am confident that her passion, talents, and potential make her an excellent candidate for your program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for considering her application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jaecil Lee".

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