

To Whom It May Concern, 3/31/24

I am writing on behalf of Sally Loperchio to express my support for the furthering of her academic journey. She's an incredible person, student, mother, business owner, and friend. And I wholeheartedly recommend that she attend your University for Graduate School.

Sally and I met back in 2009 as members of a Seattle-based AmeriCorps Team called the MLK Vista Program through Solid Ground. As Teammates, we would meet every week to reflect on our service and support one another in our journeys. I remember becoming close with all of my teammates, being that we were like-minded hopefuls wanting to bring change to the world. And while I have many fond memories of my 24 other teammates, Sally is truly someone I've appreciated most.

Going through a year of AmeriCorps is never an easy accomplishment and so having good relationships with those in the program is so vital to success. I would like to acknowledge my successful completion of the program was in part due to Sally's friendship. It's amazing to me that I went through a program as challenging as it was, thinking that I was going to instill change in the community I served...and yet, I was what changed. I was changed by the people I met, including my teammates, and including Sally. Sally is a kind soul and a thoughtful friend. Not only did she hold a lot of space for the community she served, but she held space for me and her other friends at VISTA. If I ever needed someone to talk to, she always had time for me. That's never something I take lightly because only special kinds of people are capable of that.

Sally is one of those kinds of people. As a mother of 2 children and the sole owner of her business, she really amazes me; she still wants to do more! When I heard that she was applying to your University, I was so happy for her. I knew that she is so very capable of doing whatever she sets out to do. And even though she has a full plate as a mom and running her own business, I don't question her ability to add school into the mix and succeed. I know she will do a wonderful job, and she is the exact kind of student that should be attending your school.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at anytime. My number is 206-538-3451, and my email is KerryW@stgpresents.org..

Thanks!

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