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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in strong support for **Rose Sniatowski**. Rose has been a student in two classes of mine here at Cabrillo: Animal Diversity and Field Biology. These are both majors courses with extensive lab contact hours. I have observed Rose performing lab dissections, organizing and directing student study sessions, and keying out desert plants in the middle of a spring snowstorm. Hence, I have come to know her far better than most professors come to know their students.

In terms of acumen and performance, Rose was at the top of the class. She is bright and insightful. My exams are not known for being easy, but she showed a mastery of the material. Her essays were well written, describing biological principles in a clear and concise fashion. She delves deep into her subjects and is not happy with getting by learning only what I present. She always wants to know more, and doggedly pursues her thirst for knowledge.

In terms of her interpersonal leadership skills, Rose shows a very high level of maturity and great ability to interact with people from all walks of life. She is well-liked by her fellow students as well as everyone in my department. She is also very organized. Some folks leave things until the last minute and then flop (or somehow pull off a miracle), but Rose doesn't operate that way. She plans ahead and does a great job in her assignments and projects. She is NOT someone who needs a lot of hand-holding, but instead tackles assignments head on. Rose is a very self-motivated person who I watched in the field take on tasks without direction or supervision. She doesn't have to be asked to pitch in – she volunteers her assistance freely. She certainly helped to make my field trips function smoothly, and her leadership in these areas was highly valued by me.

In terms of personal integrity, Rose is a mature and worldly person whom others can depend upon. I would count myself lucky to have her as a field assistant or graduate student. I know Rose will go far in her career, and her only barriers will be financial. Please feel free to email me with any questions and I'll gladly sing her praise.

Sincerely,

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