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To Whom It May Concern:

As the Director of the Early College Business & Entrepreneurship Academy at Butler Community College, I have met with Ashley Small on a weekly basis for the past three semesters. From checking-in on her academic progress, to advising, to discussing her plans for the future, I have learned that Ashley is an exceptionally dedicated, responsible, kind, and hardworking student.

The Early college Academy is an opportunity for high school juniors and seniors to earn their Associate's Degrees while still in high school. While at the Early College Academy, students are not only full-time college students- they are also expected to take ½ of their high school course load, as well. This is a rigorous endeavor that not all high school students are willing (or capable) to complete successfully. Ashley has taken this challenge head-on and I am proud that she will be graduating with her Associates of Science in Business Administration in May 2019.

Additionally, even though Ashely is involved in several extracurricular activities and works part time approximately 22 hours per week, she always puts forth her best effort while attending Butler. Furthermore, she has excellent attendance records, gets along well with other students, and has volunteered to help with several Early College Academy Events. Being a full-time college student while attending high school at the same time can be overwhelming, however Ashley perseveres on a daily basis with her determination, passion, and work ethic.

I have no doubt that Ashley will excel in whatever she puts her mind to and I am sure that she can contribute greatly to the future of Business and Entrepreneurship- or any career field she decides to pursue.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience at nthompson12@butlercc.edu or 316.218.6157.

Sincerely,

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