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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in support of Danille Harris' consideration for the Dean's excellence award. Danielle is the epitome of a resourceful colleague. She demonstrates this through her creative problem solving and proactive nature.

Although I've known Danielle through the department for a few years, it wasn't until I started designing an online class that I had the pleasure of getting to know her personally. Often in developing COMM 428F (Strategic Communications Campaign Planning), I would contact Danielle with a vision of what I wanted to do but no concrete plan. This is when I first experienced what a great problem solver Danielle is. I enjoyed brainstorming and collaborating with her to find the right way to translate my in resident class to the online environment.

During this process of course development, I was grateful for Danielle's proactive resourcefulness. Sometimes when you are new at something, as I was, you don't know what you don't know. Danielle was professional, respectful and practical in reaching out with tips on things I might want to consider as I approached the next section of the class.

In addition to my work with Danielle on course development, I collaborate with her on Teaching Tuesdays In Real Life (TTIRL) workshops. I appreciate that she brings her good attitude and great ideas to this group. Her point of view is really helpful for us to consider how teaching and learning happen outside of the traditional classroom. I feel like I always learn something from her that I can use immediately in the class whether it's a quick Canvas tip or a different way of thinking about assessment.

Finally, Danielle is likable! She's funny and collegial and someone I want to work with, which should never be underestimated. She reflects the best of Bellisario's culture.

Sincerely,

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