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To Whom it May Concern:

I've known Miranda Sherman since 2016 when she was my student in my Covering International Fests: Iceland Airwaves course at Columbia College Chicago and we've remained in touch ever since.

She was the youngest student I permitted into the course, which students must apply to and only 10 are accepted. She not only impressed me with her quality of work, dedication and maturity, but also rose above her classmates when it came to tackling challenging stories and tight deadlines. It's an intensive course that requires strong maturity and professionalism. It also requires creative, compelling, newsworthy stories and ideas; employs constant, high-pressure deadlines; and research, journalistic and critical/analytical skills are essential to succeed.

Non-radio and non-journalism students, which included Miranda, learn entirely new skills, such as how to reach out to sources in a professional manner, conduct in-depth research, gather clean tape for broadcast and produce broadcast-worthy audio. Miranda not only met the demands of the course, but she exceeded them. Miranda challenged herself by choosing topics/subjects that required further in-depth research and reporting beyond the scope of the assignment, which are admirable traits and a testament to her determination.

She embraced the final group-produced documentary, and demonstrated leadership by enthusiastically picking up the slack from some of her fellow classmates when needed.

I believe Miranda's strong talents, commitment, creativity, enthusiasm, dedication and perseverance will make her a valuable addition to your team. I encourage you to look favorably upon her application.

Warm regards,
Althea Legaspi