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To Whom It May Concern

GEMS Dubai American Academy (DAA) offers both an enriched American Curriculum and the International Baccalaureate Diploma to over 2700 students from around the world, preparing its students for success in the world's most prestigious universities and colleges. Recently celebrating its 20th anniversary, DAA is one of the most sought-after schools in Dubai and is the only American curriculum school to receive the KHDA rating of Outstanding, receiving this rating since 2011.

It is my pleasure to provide a reference for Katie Lorey who was employed by DAA as a Middle School English teacher.

Katie is a highly committed and experienced educator who works diligently to ensure that every student succeeds. Her enthusiasm and passion for her work is evident in all that she undertakes. Katie cares deeply for her students providing them with a nurturing and challenging learning environment.

The high expectations she sets for herself and her students are to be commended. A highly organized and reflective practitioner, Katie uses data to inform her practice and personalize learning for her students. She has written and adapted curriculum to differentiate instruction based on individual learning needs.

Katie models a love of learning and works collaboratively with her peers. She attends all professional development sessions implementing new strategies or new technologies, and adapting instruction to ensure her practice is continually refined.

Her genuine and approachable nature means that she readily develops rapport with others – her students, their parents and her peers. She has the perfect balance between professional and personable and is known as an educator who is dedicated, driven, flexible and caring.

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond her control Katie is to return to the USA after just over 1 year at DAA. However, she leaves behind positive impressions and will always be welcome to return to our community.

I have no hesitation in recommending Katie Lorey as a highly committed educator who would be an asset to any team she joined.

If you have any questions or would like further information in respect of this letter of reference please do not hesitate to contact me either by phone +971 4 704 9777 x 722 or email [l.hewitt\\_daa@gemsedu.com](mailto:l.hewitt_daa@gemsedu.com).

Yours sincerely,

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