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To whom it may concern:

I am very pleased to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Ms. Lakesha Lee, who was a student in my class on Social Work and the Black Family at Bowie State University in Bowie, Maryland during the 2013 academic year. I have since retired as an instructor from the University following a seven-year sojourn.

Ms. Lee was indeed a student of superior performance. She was deeply invested in the course material, completed all assignments timely, and contributed excellent insights to class discussions. She expressed excitement about learning and her curiosity about the topic of the Black family in America inspired interesting explorations of the course material by her and other students in assigned papers and class discussions.

Having experienced her articulate and confident expression in the classroom, I am able to envision the energy and commitment Ms. Lee would bring to her leadership work with African American youth, as well as her compelling desire to make a positive difference in the lives of these young people.

In her role as a motivational speaker I am certain Ms. Lee is able to capture the spirit and imagination of her audience, especially as she focuses on the strengths and accomplishments of African peoples in the world, and more specifically, on the possibilities for successful futures involving African American youth in a global world. We need leaders of Ms. Lee's caliber, tenacity, and concern for our young.

I applaud Ms. Lee for her accomplishments and her commitment to this population.

Sincerely,

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