Dear Admissions Committee,

It is with great pleasure that I take this opportunity to recommend Lauren for PIKSI. I consider myself lucky to have taught Lauren in the spring of 2015. She was enrolled in my Rhetoric and Writing Studies (RWS) course, and I can honestly say that she was one of the best students I ever had the pleasure of teaching. Lauren is an incredibly dedicated and focused student. The RWS course I teach requires students to analyze, research, and ultimately engage within current academic scholarship on a topic of their choosing. Not only did Lauren excel in her work, but she also approached each assignment not as a task, but as an opportunity to learn. In my experience it is these students that view their work as an opportunity to practice their critical thinking as result of collecting knowledge. Lauren excelled in this area.

She is an active learner, but an equally active listener. In a classroom setting she is outgoing and asks questions that demonstrate her understanding and ability to apply concepts learned to her own writing, and I suspect other academic areas of interest. Lauren is, in my opinion, a natural leader. During group assignments she is capable of organizing her group while listening to, and including all of their ideas. It is no easy task to complete a short documentary in a writing course, nor is it easy to do so as a group with varying creative approaches to completing the assignment. Lauren was able to apply her own knowledge, and secondary research, while also bringing in the sources used by her group members. She skillfully organized their ideas and it is for this reason that I believe Lauren will successfully complete your program, but would be a great addition.

Sincerely,

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