To Whom It May Concern:

I was first introduced to Ellen when I enrolled in her course last semester—Writing and Editing for Print and Online (ENC 3416), a class in which she demonstrated detail-oriented teaching strategies. Every instructor teaches this course differently, and Ellen designed our course to specifically fit students' needs. She is a very organized instructor who prepares her students for the rigorous, modern workforce that they will enter post-graduation. Ellen takes the time to get to know every one of her students personally and is very accommodating to ensure that every student will succeed. Ellen provided an open and successful collaborative environment for my peers and me throughout the semester. Her enthusiasm for collaborative projects and accessible texts makes her well qualified to meet the needs of all students.

Ellen was able to not only demonstrate her knowledge of rhetoric and composition but also formulate highly original and engaging assignments during the course of the semester. She demonstrates superb leadership and organizational skills in facilitating group projects and her course is one of the first I've taken that taught me industry standards. She is also a humorous and engaging speaker and has extensive research and teaching experience.

On a personal note, Ellen truly cares for her students and provides extensive feedback on all assignments. She always made a genuine effort to make sure her expectations were clear. The feedback and clear instructions she included with every assignment allowed every student to excel and improve as the semester progressed. Her attention to each student's needs is one of the many reasons why I enjoyed her class. She is also one of the first instructors I've had that valued and appreciated my work. Ellen has shown great interest in helping her students excel well-beyond the classroom and has encouraged and prepared me for future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Kayla M. Walston