



SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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March 14, 2019

Dear Selection Committee,

I am privileged and honored to write a letter of recommendation for Jamie Clark as she begins her new journey as a student at Liberty University. I have known Jamie for over 2 years and consider her an excellent tutor and student. She is an amazing leader and advocate for students, always going the extra mile to support students and encouraging them accomplish their educational and career goals.

Jamie currently tutors within our Math Lab and is a lead expert in the subject areas of Elementary and Intermediate Algebra and students flock to her every day. In a field and work place that is traditionally dominated by males, she is a vital role model for other women who want to pursue education and careers in STEM fields. She has great attention to detail, endless patience, and a positive attitude every day she comes into the tutoring center and is an extremely dedicated tutor and student.

As the Director of Student Equity and Success Centers, I oversee over 100 student tutors throughout the college in subjects ranging from math, English, sciences, and humanities. Jamie is by far one of the best tutors the Student Success Centers have ever had. She currently is part of a team of Tutor Mentors, chosen because of their exemplary tutoring skills, commitment to student success, and strong leadership. She is an excellent role model to new tutors, helping build confidence, sharing key teaching strategies, and encouraging other students to never give up even when they are struggling.

Jamie is positive and generous, providing a welcoming attitude to all who meet her. She is a great collaborator who works well with other students, providing leadership, commitment, and passion for everything she does. She is a hard worker, quick learner, and will be an amazing addition to any college.

I highly recommend Jamie and believe she is an extraordinary member of our team and have complete confidence that she will succeed in everything she does. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 323-683-2848 or que_dang@cuesta.edu.

Sincerely,

Que Dang, MPH
Director, Student Equity and Success Center
Cuesta College, San Luis Obispo



15 March 2019

To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept my recommendation for Jamie Clark in the highest regard. I've had the pleasure of working with her for the past year in the Cuesta College Student Success Center and am confident that she will be an valuable addition to your organization. Jamie differentiates herself from others by her passionate dedication to performance excellence and exemplary interpersonal skills.

Whatever your standard of excellence, Jamie will exceed your expectations. She has an uncanny ability to see inefficiencies and areas in need of improvement, as well as map out comprehensive solutions to resolve them. I appreciate her solution-oriented perspective and communication style. Her passion for high quality tutoring services and initiative helped our Student Success Center become aware of gaps in new tutor training practices and her contributions were critical to the development of a peer tutor mentoring program. Our center has benefitted tremendously from her feedback and ideas.

Jamie's detailed oriented project management and teamwork skills have been an asset in two projects I have been involved with her on. She worked with her team of peer tutor mentors to develop and agenda and content for our first ever full-day tutor retreat and it was a huge success. Jamie created a unique and challenging ice breaker and team building activities that were so engaging the room was buzzing with excitement and laughter. It was one of the best retreats I have ever attended and I left feeling a bond and familiarity that changed and exponentially improved my connection with the tutors in our center. Jamie has also been working on a long-term project to create an archive of course notes for the Math classes she has taken and been embedded in. While most would have made copies and thrown them into a binder, Jamie has meticulously recorded her notes in full color on an iPad, and formatted the documents into a PDF to be printed and spiral bound. With thoughtful planning, she incorporated blank sheets after each section to provide a space for students to add their own thoughts and notes. Essentially, her ability to persist at a project over time with thoughtful consideration to detail created a legacy resource in the form of a class note library for every math class offered at Cuesta! Jamie operates at an admirably high level of proficiency in all endeavors.

Please contact me with any questions regarding her character and performance. I look forward to extoling her virtues further and am excited for you to experience the joy of having Jamie Clark on your team!

Sincerest Regards,

Alysha Nye | Academic Success Coach
Student Success Center | Stats Lab

February 27, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

As a math teacher, I have written many letters of recommendation, but I can honestly say this is the easiest one to write. Jamie Clark is the most driven, focused, and hard-working student I have ever had. She is detail oriented, organized, and incredibly responsible. I would trust Jamie with any task in any venue at any time and I know she would go above and beyond to get the job done.

I had the pleasure of teaching Jamie for two semesters at Cuesta College and watched her blossom and excel as a student. I then asked her to be my embedded tutor to sit in on my classes and help my students when they needed it. She is the only student I have had do this because she is the only one I trust 100%. She has been such an asset to my students' success. She plans extra review sessions on her own time, she creates games for my students to review their learning in a fun way, and she is approachable and helpful whenever needed. I can count on her for anything. Jamie has made my life so much easier as a teacher and made learning easier for my students!

Jamie will be graduating from Cuesta College this semester and transferring to Liberty University with a double major in math and computer science. On top of this cross-country move and difficult academic load, she plans to work full time. If it were any other student, I may offer a word of warning about filling their schedules too much, but with Jamie, I know she can handle this and shine. She has balanced working full time with a being a full time student currently earning a 3.8 GPA!

Lastly, and I think most importantly, Jamie has a huge heart. She cares for others, is kind and respectful of all, and is incredibly thoughtful. When a student of mine passed away in a car accident, she brought colored paper and pens for classmates to make cards to send to the student's parents. She truly is an exceptional human being and any employee would be blessed to have her.

Feel free to contact me with any questions about this amazing young woman.

Best,

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February 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

In spring 2018 Jamie Clark enrolled in my Precalculus Algebra class (Math 242). She was well-prepared, organized, asked great questions, and was a pleasure to have in my class. Jamie earned one of the three A's in that class. In fall 2018 she enrolled in my College Math for the Humanities class (Math 230) and earned an A in that class too. It is obvious to me that Jamie has an excellent work ethic in the classroom.

Jamie has also been a math tutor for over two and a half years. I know that she does a great job for she has earned an outstanding reputation as a tutor. In fall 2018 Jamie became the embedded tutor for my Math 242 class. She led math study workshops and created all of the review material for the study sessions. Jamie did an exemplary job as an embedded tutor for that class.

Jamie has been a good role model and mentor for other tutors. Besides working full time while being a full time student, she is maintaining a 3.82 GPA, she is a member of Alpha Gamma Sigma, and she regularly serves in the community by setting up live stream and making audio/digital adjustments for local churches. It is obvious to me that Jamie has a magnificent work ethic outside the classroom.

Please consider Jamie for your position.

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To whom it may concern:

Jamie Clark served as an embedded tutor for my PreCalculus summer course. I had not been planning on having an embedded tutor, but she approached me and lobbied herself for the position. I was very impressed by her initiative and persistence, and so I decided to make her my tutor. Ordinarily I am hesitant to allow a student who was not my own to tutor because I do not know their skills, but I challenged her with some problems and she passed my test.

As a tutor, she was passionate and cared about her students' success, following up with me frequently about their performance. I had no issues with her contradicting my solution methods/preferences, and I never believed her to be advising a student incorrectly. Some tutors mean well, but are lacking the actual skill themselves. Not Jamie. The proof is in the pudding, and that particular class that Jamie tutored was my highest achieving PreCalculus course to date. I believe this to be because of Jamie's help. Additionally, I have a rather dry sense of humor and can be both intense and off-putting, and Jamie handled her interactions with me superbly. This leads me to believe she is well-suited to any position that requires her to work with many different personality types with professionalism and grace. If you want a quick bullet list of some of Jamie's qualities

- Driven and Hardworking
- Passionate
- Caring
- Works well with others
- A high achieving, aspiring, mathematician, boasting a 3.6+ gpa (it is currently updating in live time so I can't give an exact)
- Experience with math tutoring, video/podcast production, and mentoring others

If you are fortunate enough to be considering Jamie for your position, you should hire her. I am a person who has fired tutors and graders who were not meeting my expectations. I am highly selective and hold my tutors to a standard of excellence, and I had no complaints about Jamie. I also have to add that I hate writing with the intensity of a thousand burning suns. As such, I only write letters for the cream of the crop. If I did not believe that Jamie should be employed with the company/person of her choice, I would not write this letter. I close by suggesting that you seize the opportunity to work with Jamie as she continues her journey as a mathematician and computer scientist. Please feel free to follow up via email.

Sincerely,



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March 25, 2019

It is with great pleasure that I am writing this letter of recommendation for Jamie Clark.

Jamie has been a tutor for the Student Success Centers for about three years. Jamie is pursuing a career in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) focusing on Mathematics and Cyber Security. As noted by the National Science Foundation, of all degree levels the percentage of women in mathematics and statistics is higher than the corresponding percentage of women in engineering and computer sciences (NSF, 2017). Yet, the number of females going into STEM fields is not enough. Jamie understands the rigor of STEM courses and has overcome the fear of knowing that she is one of the few female students in her undergraduate STEM classes where courses have predominantly all males.

Jamie is a role model for Cuesta College students and demonstrates leadership and support when explaining concepts to struggling students. She encourages students to practice effective study strategies and practice more math problems. Students seek Jamie's help and value her input. Faculty continuously request her to be an embedded tutor for their courses because she brings students together for teamwork in study sessions.

Jaime is responsible, self-motivated and with a great attitude. She demonstrates skills at troubleshooting problems to determine solutions and excels in using available resources on campus.

I am confident that Jamie will succeed in her field.

Without any hesitation, I give my highest recommendation to Jamie Clark. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (805) 546-3100 ext 2474 or via email at Siboney_guardado@cuesta.edu.

Sincerely,

Siboney Guardado
Associate Director, Student Success Centers



To Whom It May Concern,

I write to recommend Jamie Clark for your position. I have known her for several years both personally and professionally. In my position as a math lecturer at Cuesta Community College I have worked with a variety of hard working and talented individuals of which Jamie is at the forefront.

Jamie was recommended by a colleague as an embedded tutor for my intermediate algebra class. She came to class each day, answered student questions during lecture, and held separate outside tutor hours specifically for those students. She anticipated student questions when she made review pages, provided extra resources for my students to be prepared, and met with students individually to address concerns in a comfortable environment. She and I also met to discuss student concerns on specific topics or content issues. Jamie was invaluable to the success of the students in this class.

Jamie recommended my current embedded tutor and has an eye for others who are both passionate and adept at explaining math. Being so strong herself it makes sense she can find and mentor others for similar tasks. I understand she also works with our student success center to provide mentoring and tutor resources for mathematics tutors. She is a reliable go to when other tutors have questions about both content and expectations.

Jamie carries a full load of classes while working full time here at Cuesta. Her ability to balance work and study will no doubt lead Jamie to success wherever she goes. I know she had a profession and, finding herself dissatisfied with her education, choose to pursue her education farther. I have great respect for her forbearance and strength.

Her background of different professions and education means she will be an asset. She is qualified for your position and you will not be sorry you hired her. If you have any other questions or would like to know more about Jamie Clarke, please reach out. I would be happy to expand further on Jamie's talents and skills. Her grit is phenomenal and always worth a conversation. Have a nice day and thank you for your time.

Warm Regards,

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March 27, 2019

To whom it may concern,

Jamie Clark has asked me to write a letter of recommendation on her behalf regarding her abilities in mathematics and character. I had the pleasure of having Jamie as a math student at Cuesta College from 2018 - 2019. She is an intelligent, kind, and hard-working young woman whose dedication to all of her endeavors make her a great resource and valued team member.

Jamie was my student in the first two semesters of calculus for engineers and scientists. The two courses are articulated to satisfy a full year of single-variable calculus. Jamie stood out from the beginning. She was always prepared and ready to learn. Jamie would often ask questions during class and worked closely with her classmates during open math-lab hours. She consistently put in the time to master the material and performed well on exams. This is particularly impressive as she had been taking a full course load at two different campuses and worked full-time to supplement her educational and living expenses.

In addition to her dedication to her own education, Jamie is also an excellent tutor. She has tutored math for over 2 and a half years including her current position as an embedded tutor at Cuesta. An embedded tutor is assigned to a particular course section and instructor and is utilized inside and outside of class to give extra support to the students taking the course. Jamie is excellent at working with students individually as well as in groups. She has led several math workshops that included her own developed materials and served as a mentor to new tutors.

Jamie Clark is a wonderful, hard-working, young woman. She is self-motivated, diligent, respectful, funny, and intelligent. Jamie is an excellent asset to the classroom as a student and as a tutor. I absolutely recommend her to be a part of any math program in either capacity.

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Jennifer M. Sanders-Moreno".

Jennifer M. Sanders-Moreno

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