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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing you this letter of recommendation on behalf of Anetta Siemianowicz who is currently working toward the completion of her Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education at Northwestern University. During her undergraduate years, Ms. Siemianowicz successfully proved to be a strong musical talent and is a worthy candidate for teaching positions.

I have worked closely with Ms. Siemianowicz during her time here due to the simple fact that I served as her conductor for the Northwestern University Philharmonia. I am proud of our work together due to her career choice to teach music as her profession. She also studied conducting with me, which helped prepare her for working with high school ensembles.

The most valuable experience I got to have with Anetta was when she took my Teaching Instrumental Music methods course. I had her teach beginners and high school students. She was the most prepared to teach these young students due to her success of understanding string pedagogy in my string techniques course. I enjoyed watching her grow in confidence during this time. Even though she is a wind player, she was able to relate string skills to young string students in a way that they understood; sometimes hearing instruction from a non-string player allows students to relate to the teaching more.

A trait that I find equally important as her skill level is her professional behavior and her ability to work with conductors and her peers. I am proud of our work together at NU, as she is one of my favorites due to her consistent effort and respectful behavior. I have complete confidence that you will agree with my assessment of Ms. Siemianowicz when you consider her for your opportunity. Anetta Siemianowicz has my most enthusiastic endorsement.

Best regards,

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