



**Department of Housing
and Residence Life**

January 11, 2010

South Eastern Association of Housing Officers
Award Selection Committee

Recommendation for: Katherine Kanable: James C. Grimm Outstanding New Professional

Dear Award Selection Committee:

It is my pleasure to submit a letter of support for Katherine Kanable for the *James C. Grimm Outstanding New Professional* award. Katherine has been an area coordinator with the Department of Housing and Residence Life for the last year and a half and I can say, without hesitation, that I have rarely seen a new professional with such passion and conviction as Katherine Kanable. During her time here, I have served as her indirect supervisor and I am honored to have her on my team.

Daily, Katherine espouses to be the best professional she can be. She has true leadership abilities balanced with superior organizational skills and a student perspective. Katherine is well-versed in the area of student affairs best-practices when guiding her staff, as well as, the positive and innovative methods needed when working with college-aged students. Katherine is highly personable and approachable which makes for easy interactions with students and staff alike. Katherine is a leader and role model among her colleagues and the overall institution. Her ideas are always fresh and cutting edge, and with each new task she takes on, or with each partnership/relationship she builds, Katherine is invested one hundred and ten percent. Additionally, Katherine is prompt and informative when conveying important information from her community. Katherine is an invaluable resource to her staff, and most importantly the her students. Katherine takes great pride in ensuring that every task she completes is of the highest quality. Katherine is extremely dependable and everyone knows they can always count on Katherine to lend a helping hand. She always follows through on whatever is asked of her. She has never failed to meet a deadline for any assignment or job responsibility that is given to her, often passing things in early.

Katherine is a breath of fresh air and is a pleasure to work with, always having a smile on her face and an enthusiasm about her work. I have enjoyed having the opportunity to work with Katherine and I, without a doubt, know she has a tremendous future in the field of housing and residence life.

Sincerely,

Jeff Novak, Associate Director
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