



February 11, 2013

Dear Interview Committee,

It is my pleasure to support Dana Saunders' application for the Multiple Subject Credential Program. As the Director of the Integrated Teacher Education Core (ITEC), I can attest to Ms. Saunders' academic strengths and sound professional and interpersonal attributes.

The Integrated Teacher Education Core Program is an accelerated undergraduate program that leads to a Liberal Studies Degree, a Minor in Special Education and the opportunity for candidates to complete their undergraduate degree in three years. As a candidate in this demanding program, Ms. Saunders has demonstrated a high level of academic integrity, strong organizational skills and commitment to entering the profession of teaching. As a participant in the ITEC Program, Dana has logged in over 100 hours of working with elementary students in general and special education settings. In a recent field placement, she provided one-on-one assistance to an at-risk student through the Community Action Volunteers in Education (CAVE) PALS program. Dana demonstrated a high level of dedication to the students in all these settings and received strong evaluations regarding her professionalism from her field experience teachers. During her time in the ITEC Program, she has participated in program workshops that focused on issues of tutoring strategies, diversity, and bullying and has completed linked Liberal Studies courses that facilitate the application of course content to educational settings.

As Ms. Saunders instructor in the EDTE 150 course, Field Experience and Literacy, I can confirm that she holds herself to high standards for punctuality and quality of work. Dana provided thoughtful reflections regarding her time in elementary classrooms and made insightful connections to her future role as a teacher.

I highly recommend Ms. Saunders for entry into the Multiple Subject Credential Program and believe she would be an excellent match for your program. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Cepello".

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