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To: Graduate Coordinator

Emily Pool has asked me to write a letter of recommendation in support of her application for admission to the Master of Public Health Program at California State University, Northridge; I am delighted to do so. I have known Emily for two years and in the time that I have known her I have been extremely impressed with her academic ability and her maturity. She was a student of mine in two upper division required courses in the Sociology Department at San Diego State University. The two courses were Wealth, Status and Power and Contemporary Sociological Theory

The evaluation processes for Wealth, Status and Power and Contemporary Theory were very comprehensive and I think provide a good indication of Kimberly’s academic ability and potential for doing post-graduate work. For both courses, the process consisted of three exams, two papers and small group extra credit assignments. Kimberly received an A for both courses and was one of the top five students (88 students and 55 students respectively). Even in these large classes, Kimberly stood out. Her papers were well written, her exams scores were among the highest, and she made positive contributions to the class discussions and she took advantage of office hours to discuss issues that were raised in the class. I believe that Kimberly is in the top 2% academically of students that I have taught at SDSU in upper division courses.

As I said, I have known Emily for two years and during that time she has proven to be highly intelligent, and also to be a very mature person for her age. I believe that she would be able to handle graduate work at any level and will be successful in any profession she chooses. I highly recommend her without qualification. If I can be of further assistance I can be reached by email at [psemm@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:psemm@mail.sdsu.edu) or at my office phone 594-5906.

Sincerely,

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