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re: Character Reference for Karsten Drephal

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am happy to extend this character reference for Karsten Drephal as he explores new adventures. Karsten was a student in my Outdoor Education 11 and 12 courses and was a Student Leader with my physical education class for students with diverse abilities during his grade 12 year. Karsten is a naturally gifted leader with an openhearted disposition whose actions are guided by a sense of kindness and care for others.

Karsten worked alongside me as a Student Assistant with our Junior Learning Assistance physical and health education class (a program for students with diverse needs and abilities). All students in this program have moderate to profound learning disabilities, and many also have physical challenges. Karsten joined us from outside this program as a leadership student and was amazingly well suited in this role. Karsten made immediate connections with the students and enhanced their learning experiences while still maintaining his professional distance as a leadership student. He was able to work independently and easily identified the needs of the students based on the direction of the class and the desired learning outcomes. Karsten approached all class activities with thoughtfulness and compassion and undeniably enriched the opportunities for the students in this class.

Karsten was in my Outdoor Education class in both grades 11 and 12. Over the past two years, Karsten always had an infectious positive approach to all activities. Karsten's high level of athleticism and fitness levels allowed him to participate in activities with ease, but more impressively was how Karsten was able to help create a class atmosphere that was more than welcoming for everyone. Through his actions, word choices, and general approach to life, Karsten encouraged others and had an undeniably positive impact on the experiences of his peers.

Karsten is a mature, creative, and divergent thinker. He is concerned with quality of substance and will immerse himself in anything in which he finds enjoyment and value for himself and others. His leadership and desire for collectively positive experiences and success create a unique combination that will serve him, and others well in all that he chooses to pursue.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. Please contact me for any other support I can provide for Karsten as he continues his journey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Bobby Gibson'. The signature is stylized with a large 'B' and 'G'.

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