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To Whom It May Concern:

It is a pleasure to write this letter of recommendation in support of Ms. Michelle Black.

As Assistant Professor and Dance Education Program Director at Central Connecticut State University, my experience in the dance community moves well beyond education. I have taught pre-professionals, professionals, novice dancers, and educators as a master teacher PreK-12 dance educator at leading performing arts schools. Additionally, I have been a dance professional for over two decades, a choreographer that has created both theatrical and commercial work, and a producer of a variety of dance festivals and showcases in New York City.

I am happy to write on behalf of Ms. Black. I have had the honor of teaching her in a dance methodological course at Central Connecticut State University, and can confidently say that she is an extraordinary educator who is raising the standards of dance and dance education within the state. Ms. Black most striking quality is her approach to learning, for both herself and her peers. She is thorough in her lesson preparations, skillful in making powerful connections to her peers and effective in her approach to collaborative assignments and discussions. In my classes, she excelled and stood out in her immediate implementation of learning feedback.

Her Western Wyoming Community College and Brigham Young University GPA scores are exemplary and representative of her high standards of academic achievement. Coursework at Central Connecticut State University demonstrated integrity and leadership, and I know that she will up the bar during her time at CCSU. She is the ideal recipient for an educational scholarship.

Ms. Black is a rare, powerful, and exquisite woman, and it is my strong belief that we benefit from her extraordinary talents and skills. I recommend Ms. Black without reservation and ask that you give her every consideration. She plays an integral role in our community, modeling high standards for dance education, and in making effective connections between dance artistry and education. I gladly endorse her dance and teaching ability. Please contact me if you have any questions at rekoert@ccsu.edu.

Sincerely,

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