

## **Recommendation Letter for Rebecca Flanders**

To Whom it May Concern:

I'm very happy to write this letter of recommendation for Rebecca Flanders. Becca will be an amazing teacher for so many reasons.

Becca is a good person. By that, I mean she makes good decisions. She puts others first and is very kind-hearted. She listens with genuine care and empathy. Her conduct is guided by a deep, strong faith; conviction; and values she has gained from a supportive family and the variety of experiences she has had during her life. She sees potential and goodness in people who are often overlooked.

Becca has been an outstanding student at Manchester College. She has a 3.97 cumulative GPA – and I have no doubt that she has earned much favor and respect among faculty and peers in the classroom. She is dedicated to preparing herself to be an effective and inspirational teacher. She has put in the time and work necessary to be a very successful college student.

As an Early and Middle Child Generalist with Mild Interventions major, Becca has been required to spend much time as an observer/participant in classrooms. Two unique and life-changing opportunities she has had include a January Session trip to Ghana, West Africa, where she interacted with students at the Lincoln Community School. She also spent a week during the fall semester of 2007 at Theodore Potter Elementary, a Spanish immersion school, in Indianapolis, IN. This gave her experience in a diverse urban setting. She even had the fun responsibility of leading a student group during a field trip to the Indianapolis Zoo!

Becca is adventurous, bubbly, and enthusiastic. Her cheerfulness and energy are contagious. She has an imagination so much greater than any other young adult I know...I can't believe the beautiful worlds of make-believe she has created for my daughters. She has been an in-home child care provider for Kambree, my four-year-old, and Ayla, my 18-month-old, during most of her time at Manchester. I couldn't have asked for someone better to care for my girls. Becca's summer work has also been centered around children – she spent two of her summers as a Camp Counselor and Bus Counselor for the YMCA Camp Manitou-lin in Middleville, MI. This was a perfect fit for Becca as she got to share her love of the outdoors with children. Last summer, Becca was a full time nanny for a family in her hometown of Ada, MI. All of these choices to work directly with children are evidence of her choosing a career path that matches her passion.

In addition to providing care for my girls when I'm at work, Becca has been my student assistant in the Office of Admissions. She has done outstanding work for me. I've seen her organizational skills grow. She has been responsible and dependable, and she has often helped me out at the last minute with urgent tasks. Becca has done well with keeping confidences as she has worked with prospective student files. She has developed the ability to speak effectively with prospective students and parents on the phone. She has represented the College at many visit events in various roles including overnight host, student panel member, interviewer, and tour guide.

Becca has had a rich running career during her time at Manchester – she has participated in both cross country and track for four years. She has consistently been a top runner and was named an HCAC All-Conference Athlete in 2006 and 2007. She was also named team captain for Cross Country in 2006 and 2007. Becca has helped bring other student-athletes to the teams by being a recruiter...making

phone calls, hosting prospective student-athletes overnight for visits, and traveling to high school meets to talk with athletes and their parents. I know Becca has a strong interest in coaching in the future, and I have no doubt that she would excel in this area.

Becca is talented in the arts – she is gifted in music (plays piano and flute), she has artistic skill (I've been witness to this in the many art projects she has done with my daughters), and she has beautiful handwriting. These talents will serve her very well as a teacher.

In addition to everything I've already shared, Becca has been active in other student organizations which you can see listed on her resume. She gets involved in activities that are meaningful to her, and I am sure she will continue to do this as she moves into a professional career. She will want to know her colleagues well, and she will want to be involved in the community and positive development of her workplace.

Becca has been awarded for her academic and leadership strength. She came to the College as a Trustee Scholar (awarded to her when she was a prospective student). During her time at Manchester, she has also been on the Dean's List every year. She was honored with the Manchester College Leadership Award in 2007. She applied for and won a Kauffman Award to use for her January session class in Ghana, West Africa. She models academic excellence. She will inspire her students to work diligently in the classroom.

Becca is a giver, and she is passionate about helping children learn and grow. As you can see from her impressive resume, she has a great start on this life goal from her time at Manchester. As I said at the beginning of this letter, Becca will be an amazing teacher. From her professional website:

"I want to live a life of service to others, especially children."

"It's hard to describe, but something inside of me tells me that though it's not going to be easy, this is what I am meant to do. As a teacher I will have great power to change lives. This power will be humbling, exhilarating, overwhelming, frightening, but exceedingly worthwhile. *I am ready to accept the challenge of becoming a teacher with my arms, mind and heart wide open.*"

Becca has had a rich, diverse career at Manchester. Her future is so bright. Anyone whose path she has yet to touch will be blessed. Please don't hesitate to call with questions.

Sincerely,

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