

March 12, 2016

Texas State University,

I am sending this letter of recommendation for Dr. Lyn Litchke to support her nomination for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Service. Since the first day I met Dr. Lyn, I knew that I was going to learn great things. I give an abundant amount of credit to her for an enriching academic experience during my term of completing the Master's program of Therapeutic Recreation (TR) at Texas State University. Her personality is high spirited, compassionate, honest, and caring. She always made herself available for her students and went above and beyond to make sure that we understood the materials that were taught. Dr. Lyn always had a way of reading her students and picking out their best qualities. For me personally, she provided the extrinsic motivation that soon redeveloped my intrinsic motivation and courage to step outside of the box to follow my dreams and aspirations.

Dr. Lyn and I worked together on an inclusive program called the Messengers at an elementary school in San Marcos, TX. This program became the foundation of our research expedition that would open many doors for us and my future career in TR. Our research article on Spirituality, Friendship, and Disability: Implications for Therapeutic Recreation was accepted to present at the Annual American Therapeutic Recreation Association Conference. Furthermore, we did an in-depth analysis of our research and submitted our article for publication to the Journal of Childhood and Religion (JCR) at the University of Texas-Austin. Recently, the JCR accepted the research article for publication.

Furthermore, I give Dr. Lyn credit for my acceptance this year into the PhD Program in Recreation Therapy at Clemson University. Also, I was offered a Lecturer position at Texas State University. I would not have experienced the wonderful things in my career field if I did not have Dr. Lyn in my life. She is a true role model and I hope to be at least half of the incredible woman and professional that she is. I could not think of anyone more deserving to receive this acknowledgment. Please consider Dr. Lyn Litchke to be the recipient of this prestigious award.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at 512-922-9837.

Sincerely,



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