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Selection Committee
Presidential Award for Excellence in Service

Dear Selection Committee:

It is my pleasure to nominate and write a letter in support of Dr. Lyn Litchke for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Service. As an associate professor at Texas State University, I believe Dr. Litchke's service contributions to the department, university, community, and profession are extraordinary!

Dr. Litchke served on many University, department, community, and professional committees such as REP grant review committee, HHP scholarship committee, Best Friends for Life Inclusion Program in San Marcos, and as a manuscript reviewer. In addition, Dr. Litchke is an outstanding mentor. She meets and provides guidance for junior faculty and graduate students she mentors on a regular basis. She takes the time to get to know the strengths and weaknesses of her mentees and helps them across a range of academic interests to become better learners and better candidates on the job market.

I would also like to underscore that Dr. Litchke has collaborated with me on our autism summer camp since 2012. Partnered with the San Marcos Consolidated Independent School District, I established and directed the autism summer camp to serve children with autism in San Marcos community in 2010. Dr. Litchke designed two yoga programs, one for children 4-7 years and the other for children 8-12 years, targeting children with autism's motor performance, emotional expression, and social interaction. Her yoga programs were well received by our campers and the parents. Starting the summer 2010, our autism camp has provided 231 children with autism aged 4-12 living in San Marcos and surrounding areas the opportunity to participate in a developmentally appropriate summer program. This camp has made a huge impact on the lives of those children who attended it and Dr. Litchke has made a great contribution to our autism camp. Dr. Litchke and I also worked together on several research projects and published a peer-review research article.

I strongly and enthusiastically support Dr. Litchke's nomination for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Service. Dr. Litchke has and will continue to make strong influences on people who she interacts. She is a deserving candidate and will represent the Presidential Award for Excellence in Service proudly!

Sincerely,



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