

Lincoln High School Choirs

Men of Lincoln
Women's Chorus
Bella Voci
Mixed Concert Choir
Split Dimensions
Vocal Essence

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Kelly Willard, whom I have known for over ten years as my former student and as an Michigan School Vocal Music Association colleague. As her teacher, I saw her flourish successfully through her high school career, and as her mentor and friend, I followed her successes through her study at Grand Valley University. Since then, I have witnessed her blossom with incredible success as a middle school choral music teacher as she pursued an M.A. Degree through Michigan State University. As she demonstrated outstanding success through her collegiate study, I was not surprised that, in her first year in the middle school classroom, several of Kelly's students won positions in the M.S.V.M.A. State Honors Choir program. Likewise, her choirs were recognized with superior ratings at district and state choral festivals; and her classroom and festival successes have continued. Since her first year, Kelly is highly regarded by her M.S.V.M.A. colleagues.

Kelly's fine work ethic and hunger for learning as a teenager have remained deeply engrained in her work through her Baccalaureate and Masters Degree studies. Today she remains a person of highest integrity with a determination toward achieving excellence; and she is dependable for accomplishing her work in an efficient and organized fashion. Kelly is energetic with an excellent sense of humor. Likewise, she is soft spoken, humble and kind. Most importantly, she able to relate well with her students and with adults. She will manage challenging situations with ease.

Kelly takes a forthright and honest approach to her work and to her personal decisions. She sets reasonable goals for herself and strives for self-improvement at every turn. She manages any leadership role with ease and sees tasks through to completion. In the classroom, I am certain she will seek greater challenges and opportunities for the assurance of student growth.

It has been delightful for me to witness Kelly blossom from a shy teenager into confident adult and a music professional of outstanding character. I am confident that she will be an excellent team player, working harmoniously with staff and administration. Kelly will demonstrate an outstanding level of loyalty to any institution with which she becomes affiliated and I am honored to hold her friendship dear for my lifetime. Please feel welcome to contact me at the numbers or email listed below if any further information is required in Kelly's regard.

Sincerely,



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