Dear Mrs. Candela:

I am Iris. I’m writing this letter to you because I am very appreciate for what you have done for me and teach me in this trimester, and I love you so much; also, I think that you are my career teacher so that your letter may be useful for my university. I may also use your letter for my job in the future. Thank you very much for helping me to write this recommendation letter.

You are the best teacher I have met so far. Your class is very interesting and funny, people are always laughing in your class, and I was attracted by your vivid lecture. You are also very kind and easy-going, because every time I see you, there always a sweet and happy smile on your face. I remember one time when you were concentrating on your work several seconds before the class was over, I was even surprised by your serious facial expression since you hardly ever have such a grave face. However, when the bell rang, a happy smile suddenly appeared on you face and you run to the door cheerily. That made me understand why some people say that I am hard to get along with, that may because I’m not like you always keeping a sweet smile to everybody. I am very shy and often afraid to talk to teachers, but every time I have questions to ask you, you always give me a sense of ease and I will feel much better when I talk to you. The most impressed thing of yours is that at the last day of the first trimester, you talked to everybody for his or her advantages and said that you would miss him or her. I was moved and touched by you and there was an instant that I wanted to cry since I was thinking about I would not have your classes hereafter.

In China, there are not many chances for teenagers to have a job, but I did have some opportunity to be a volunteer. I have been a volunteer teacher in Sichuan in order to help those schools and students that are in poverty after the great earthquake. I also have been to an old people’s home to visit and perform for old or disabled people. What was the most proud thing about me is that I have been a piano teacher in a nearby music club. And I earn 15RMB for one hour. I think that’s enough for such a non-certificated teenager. That’s all the social activities I have participated. For other things, I have an “A” on every course last trimester. I have taken part in several piano competitions and have first or second award on them. And I have passed the highest level of piano test for amateur. I think I am different from some people who play piano, for they play piano just for a certification but not because they love it. Moreover, I have composed couples of songs by myself.

For me, although I have done a presentation about dentist, this may not be my career in the future. Actually, I haven’t decided my career yet. I’m hesitating among these three majors: business, dentist and music. Music is the only thing I really love and wanted to learn in the future, and more important, I’m good at it. Business and dentist are suggestions from my family. However, neither business nor dentist is a field that I like, but I can learn it, because I don’t have anything that I really don’t like and can’t bear. There is no doubt that if I learn it I will learn it well. Could you give me some advices about what should I choose in the future? I think I should begin to think about my career and my future now, and I have learned many things about jobs and career through your class, but I still can’t make a decision.

I’m happy to share my stories with you and I would be very happy and appreciate if we can keep in contact. You don’t need to be worry about my letter of recommendation, you can give me that whenever when you have time (I know your schedule are tight and you have many things to do☺). Thank you very much!

Iris Xie

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