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Dear Selection Committee,

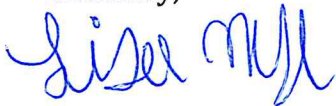
Please accept this letter of recommendation in support of Tasha Candela for Michigan Teacher of the Year for the 2015-2016 school year. I had the pleasure of being one of Mrs. Candela's students during all four years of high school from 2008 through 2012. The lessons I learned while in her classroom are the reasons I am the successful person I am today and for that I couldn't be more thankful to have had the opportunity to learn from her.

Mrs. Candela is more than just a teacher. She is a mentor, a friend, and most importantly she is not only my biggest inspiration, but also an inspiration to everyone she meets. Upon entering high school I never thought any of the work I did during those four years would leave a significant impact on me, but still to this day when I look back at all that I accomplished under her guidance, I can't help but experience an overwhelming sense of pride. She changed my entire outlook on high school and created a memorable experience that I will be able to look back on for years to come.

Throughout all my years of schooling, I never came across a teacher that not only cares about the wellbeing of her students, but also pushes them to be the best person that they can be as much as Mrs. Candela does. She has a gift of being able to find the hidden potential in everyone and offers new perspectives on how to achieve all that we can now and into the future based on our individual traits. She was the first instructor I had that took the time to understand my personality and influence me by giving advice tending to my specific mindset.

Mrs. Candela didn't just teach me that hard work paid off; she is a living example of it. With her numerous awards and appearances in technology magazines, she is an ideal role model to any young student trying to find his or her way. The number one lesson I learned from being her student is that you are never done learning. There is always a skill yet to be mastered, a topic yet to be grasped, and a world yet to be discovered. Mrs. Candela has given me the will to go out and discover that world and to become the type of person who inspires others while making a positive difference in the lives of the people I surround myself with.

Sincerely,



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