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Re: Lee Ridley

Greetings Future Employer;

You will meet few more focused individuals than the ones who decide to return to the university for a second degree. Lee Ridley is one such individual, and even in that group she stands out. In my decade teaching in higher education, Lee stands out as one of those motivated few who turn out consistently excellent work.

I was fortunate enough to have Lee as a student in JRN 1100, Beginning Reporting. This is an intensive writing class that pays special attention to a student's ability to develop a beat, produce news copy and meet Associated Press Stylebook standards. Lee exceeded standards in all areas, plus she was also fun to work with.

Lee was often one of the first in the classroom to grasp subject matter and to see its logical next step. Often all she needed was a simple description and then she was ready to build out the next application. She could deliver these comments to her peers with precision and humor. Having her in the room made teaching that much easier. I was consistently grateful for her presence.

I have followed Lee's academic career since our class ended. We have continued to work together on the student Society of Professional Journalists, where she serves as an officer. She has brought her formidable organization skills and ideas to this group.

Based on her work, she is ready to plunge into journalism that takes her off campus. She is fully capable of tackling any journalism challenge and delivering a finished product across multiple platforms.

Thank you for taking the time to consider Lee Ridley. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any additional comments.

Sincerely,

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