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To Whom It May Concern:

As a great show of confidence, Rebecca Riddle accepted the challenge of creating and presenting a Science Seminar for the High School Teacher Cadets of Utica Community Schools. This was a challenging undertaking for a student prepared and experienced in elementary teaching; especially just before Spring break! She demonstrated further confidence by inviting the Advisor & Source Newspaper Columnist to write an article about this OU/UCS event!

From the first email contact, Miss Riddle has always been professional and enthusiastic about her collaboration to make this a successful event. She teamed up with another Science Methods student to create and implement a truly effective 70 minute presentation. They came professionally dressed and prepared with numerous props including instruments, straws, crayons and costuming! I especially enjoyed her personalized introduction which explained her change in career to teaching. The seminar continued to include, attention grabbers, small group activities, varied teaching strategies, problem solving, strong student engagement, movement, and a Prezi. It was very thorough, educational, and stimulating. This was an intriguing seminar which got my students amped up about teaching a science lesson to their students next month.

My students and I enjoyed her presentation style and personal enthusiasm for teaching science. Her teaching voice is confident, in command, well projected, positive with tonal variation. Miss Riddle was interesting to listen to and she stretched my students’ cognition through higher order questioning and professional terminology.

I am happy to have the opportunity to have worked with Miss Riddle and to recommend her as a teaching professional. She knows what it takes, and how to make it happen!

Sincerely,

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