

Recommendation for Ashley Pankow

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It is with a strong sense of confidence and enthusiasm that I recommend Ashley Pankow as a student and performer. I have had the good fortune of working closely with Ashley during her years at Viterbo. She was a student in two of my classes, and I have directed her in major roles. I have followed her performance development and progress closely. In all of these forums, I have been continually impressed by Ashley's intelligence, insight, maturity, dedication, and artistic abilities. She has a tremendous voice and great comic skills; she clearly has many gifts and talents that make her an exceptional candidate for any theatre program.

Ashley is an intelligent and inquisitive woman who thinks deeply about the material that she is presented. She is able to grasp and interpret even the most complex theories, principles, and processes. She takes the time to consider all of the options when faced with problem solving situations, and her sense of logic and causal relationships is very strong. She has been consistently prepared for her classes, and often has the ability to understand concepts and ideas that are missed by her peers. She also has the ability to take initiative in the learning situation and can work well without supervision. Ashley gives 110% of her energy and focus to each project.

Ashley was undoubtedly one of the most talented actor/singers in our BFA Professional Training Program. The entire faculty recognized Ashley as a very gifted performer who has the talents, insights, and range necessary to bring many musical and non-musical roles to life on the stage. She clearly understands the process of creating three-dimensional and motivated characters, and has practiced and applied these skills in many Viterbo production projects. We believe that she has strong potential for a successful career as a professional actress.

As a person, Ashley is very dependable and reliable; when she is given a task or project you can be certain that she will complete the assignment to the best of her ability. She possesses strong interpersonal and communication skills, and is able to communicate her ideas and thoughts effectively, both orally and in writing. She is great fun to work with. Ashley is a dynamic, energetic, outgoing, articulate, intelligent, thoughtful, mature young woman who displays these attributes in all that she does.

Please contact me at dmgardiner@viterbo.edu or 608-796-3790 if you have any further questions about Ashley.

Sincerely,

David M Gardiner

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