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To Whom It May Concern:

This is a letter of recommendation for Ashley Pankow.

I had the honor of working with Ashley as her voice instructor at Viterbo University. Ashley was one of the strongest and most versatile singer/actors who studied at Viterbo University. She has a voice of natural beauty, and impressive facility and range. She is remarkably resilient vocally, physically, and emotionally, making her a dependable member of any ensemble.

Ashley distinguishes herself not only as a vocalist, but also with her extensive training in acting and dance due to her involvement in the Musical Theater Program. She is a fine actress who is capable of portraying a wide range of roles comedic and dramatic. As a dancer, she is strong, learning combinations in a variety of styles (modern, ballet, tap, jazz) quickly and accurately.

As a musician, Ashley is incredibly gifted. She an accomplished Pianist, able to play anything from Mozart to Sondheim to playing with a jazz combo and makes her an excellent sight reader. These skills enable her to learn music very quickly and accurately.

Finally, her work ethic is outstanding. She is dedicated to her craft and this is apparent in her performances. What she does not understand she researches and explores to discover her own answers. It is fascinating to watch her work and a model for many of our other students while she was here.

Ms. Pankow is quite savvy, even for a young performer and seems very clear in her mind what it takes as an artist to have a career theater and musical theater. In order to have a successful career, she realizes she needs to continue her studies and will meet any challenges head on without reservation. She would be a wonderful addition to any program and I highly recommend her. Please contact me at anytime if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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