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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Ashley Pankow. I had the immense pleasure of working with Ashley at Viterbo University from fall of 2004 until she graduated in May of 2007. My job as Dance Instructor in Viterbo University's Theatre and Music Theatre Department, where Ashley received her BFA, provided much contact with this delightful human being.

I taught Ashley in various dance courses. As a student and dancer, Ashley's focus and work ethic catapulted her dancing to new heights. She was very conscientious and asked wonderful questions. Then she would take the information and work and investigate until the information made sense in her body as well as her mind. Ashley understands movement patterns quite quickly and brings a wonderful style and energy to the movement she is given.

I was also fortunate enough to work with Ashley in various Viterbo productions. I always was eager to cast Ashley. She would take material given to her and make it her own while staying true to the director's or choreographer's intention. Ashley remained focused and driven no matter what was going on around her. I believe her sense of focus and commitment stems from her intense love of her craft. This dedication is apparent as she works during the rehearsal process and as she captivates audiences while on stage. Ashley is not afraid to take risks and is quite open to new ideas from directors, choreographers, and other cast members. She works with a collaborative spirit.

Ashley's talent and dedication are sweetened by her sense of humanity. Ashley is kind, considerate, respectful, and very much fun to have in rehearsal! I would love to work with Ashley again someday. I miss her terribly.

Ashley Pankow is a wonderful human being whose talent, dedication, focus, and sense of humor make her a joy to have in rehearsal and on stage. I give Ashley the highest recommendation. You will be very glad you hired her.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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