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To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure to write this reference letter for Brooke Smyth, who has been actively involved in the Connecting4Success mentorship program since Fall 2016. The overall goal of the C4S program is to provide incoming First-Generation students with one-on-one interaction and support in order to enable a successful transition to University. Brooke has successfully mentored one first year, first generation student in Psychology.

Brooke has fulfilled her mentor responsibilities by way of consistently submitting detailed monthly reports and providing her mentees with ongoing support. At the beginning of each semester, she encouraged her mentees to set both short-term and long-term goals, and throughout the semester would ensure her mentees were on the right path to achieve them. Brooke ensured she met with her mentees monthly during the year, and attended monthly social events with great enthusiasm.

In order to mentor a student, Brooke needed to think independently, provide advice to her mentees, be able to direct her mentees to various campus services, as well as be able to think of creative solutions to any questions her mentees may have asked. Her leadership and coaching skills are instrumental to her success in the program.

Brooke is an extremely motivated and hardworking individual and believe she is an ideal candidate for the Melissa Strange Award for Excellence in Personal Development. She has a passion for mentoring others and volunteering, and was able to balance this, along with her academic obligations, by successfully utilizing strong time management skills.

I have no hesitation in providing Brooke Smyth with this reference letter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Lindsay Gore'.

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