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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Dr. Natalie Mountjoy, Assistant Professor in the Department of Biology at Western Kentucky University. In the crucial last semester of my graduate studies within the Biology department, Dr. Mountjoy was a valuable resource to me in regard to my Master's thesis. Although she had no formal connection to my project, she was always willing to provide advice, talk through ideas, and suggest new statistical analyses I could try.

In addition to her practical support, Dr. Mountjoy was consistently positive and encouraging in our interactions. When I felt stressed or disheartened by my progress, or lack thereof, I knew I could count on her to lift my spirits and point me in a new direction. When I was having difficulties analyzing my data and unraveling my results, Dr. Mountjoy took time out of her busy end-of-semester schedule to work through the issues with me in her office. Furthermore, she did this all in a friendly, professional, and unassuming manner that made me feel at ease discussing my ideas.

Dr. Mountjoy is an important asset to the WKU Department of Biology and I am confident that she would be a wonderful official member of any Master's thesis committee.

Sincerely,

Brigit Rooney