



MICHIGAN STATE BASKETBALL

Tom Izzo, Head Coach

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To Whom It May Concern:

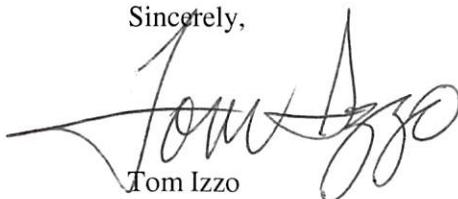
Please accept this formal letter of recommendation on behalf of Ms. Kristen Dantonio who is applying for a teaching position. I have had the pleasure of personally knowing Kristen for over 10 years. Since that time, Kristen has always demonstrated her passion for teaching.

Kristen has constantly been interested in making her life's work helping young people and educating them. Over the years, Kristen has had experience with a wide diversity of educational placements. Many experiences consisted of several age groups and varying ability levels in the classroom. While student teaching, she continued to commit herself academically, clinically and socially. Kristen completed her Bachelor's degree in Education at Michigan State University. Since that time, Kristen has also completed several professional teaching certifications, while earning many graduate level credits. Most recently, she works as a full time student-teacher for a 4th grade level at Atwood Middle School in Lansing, Michigan. During Kristen's free time she has volunteered with many extracurricular sport activities for youth.

Undoubtedly, it is difficult for a college student to maintain such balance, while performing at such a high-level of academic achievement and activity. I see this on a daily basis with our Michigan State student-athletes. I am confident that Kristen will be able to maintain this balance as a teacher within your school program. Her passion alone for the profession of teaching, and her experience with handling the academic rigor of her bachelor's program while working a full time position, will help her to be successful.

Kristen is without question a special young lady. Kristen's investment in her future through her experiences as an undergraduate student and her motivation to pursue a teaching position set her apart. It is with great pleasure to recommend Ms. Kristen Dantonio for a teaching position with your school.

Sincerely,



Tom Izzo

