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To Whom it May Concern:

Please accept this letter of recommendation in support of Mr. Dan Lazar. I have known and worked closely with Dan for the past three years and it is my pleasure to give him my highest, unqualified recommendation for an overseas teaching program.

Dan Lazar is an energetic and dynamic classroom teacher who consistently demonstrates a thorough mastery of his content as well as an incredible ability to connect to wide variety of students. As the Director of Instructional Programs at Grayslake Community High School, I have had many opportunities to observe Dan in a variety of settings. As a classroom teacher, Dan displays a sharp intellect and a broad perspective. He challenges himself, his students, and his peers to question the status quo so that there may be continual improvement of the system. Dan possesses a level of integrity and bravery that allow him to express his ideas in a manner that commands attention and respect. He is a model of the power of appropriate social change for his students. Dan's impact on the culture of the district has been wide and deep.

Dan is quite skilled in the evaluation and improvement of the social studies curriculum. He is able to assess a program of study and make considerable improvements based on his research and thought process. Dan has also been influential in the development of new areas of study. He is currently working with a team of professionals to develop an inter-disciplinary course that combines the study of American Literature and History.

From what I have witnessed, Dan Lazar maintains an unceasing drive to achieve his goals while successfully balancing an active academic and social life. He devotes countless hours to the development of curriculum and the perfection his professional craft and yet, has made time to mentor young teachers and be a patron of the arts. I fully believe that Dan has the self-discipline, work ethic, intellect and cooperative spirit will allow him to excel in a program of this type. I give him my highest recommendation.

Sincerely,

Laurie Kimbrel, Ed.D.