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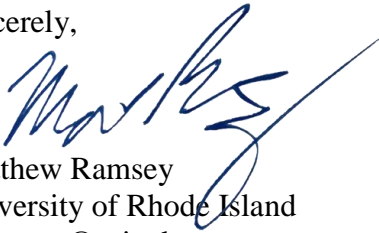
My name is Matthew Ramsey and I am an Assistant Professor in the Department of Cell and Molecular Biology at the University of Rhode Island. It is my pleasure to recommend Arielle Norton to the RI-INBRE summer undergraduate research (SURF) program. Arielle was a student in my CMB201 – ‘Medical Microbiology’ course in the fall of 2016.

Arielle finished my course in the top 5% of all (267) students with a 97% average. It was readily apparent that my course material posed no challenge for her and that she was extremely excited about Microbiology. Arielle attended every lecture as far as I can recall and routinely had good questions both in and after class as well as in test study sections. I was impressed with the quality of Arielle’s questions as they gave a good insight into her mindset for the course.

Towards the end of the semester, I interviewed approximately 20 students who were interested in performing undergraduate research in my lab and Arielle was one of those. Of the 20 students I placed Arielle in the top 3 and could only take 3 students. However, Arielle’s spring semester schedule was a poor fit with my own teaching schedule and that of the other students. So, I advised her to try again this summer or next fall and to also seek research experience with several other faculty members. I have given verbal recommendations to other faculty members on her behalf as well and would not hesitate to have her work for me or anyone else I know.

I believe you will find that Arielle is a very hard worker who has a real interest in biological science research. I believe she would be an asset to any lab who chooses her and it would be a waste of her potential to not accept her into this program. I fully recommend Arielle to the program with no reservations whatsoever and I hope to see her succeed in the future.

Sincerely,



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