

Letter of Recommendation for Emeritus Status

Dear Emeritus Committee,

It is my pleasure to recommend Krista Collett for emeritus status in recognition of her many years of dedicated service and the meaningful impact she has had on our college community.

Krista is a proud veteran, and her commitment to service has been evident in every role she has held. Over the years, she has supported the college in a wide range of positions, including Administrative Secretary for the Career Center, Manager of the Glenn Center, and Dean's Secretary for the Dean of Enrollment. She has also worked closely with various instructional departments and spent time supporting the library. This breadth of experience speaks not only to her versatility, but also to her deep understanding of how the college functions and her consistent focus on supporting students.

One of Krista's greatest strengths is her ability to create a welcoming and inclusive environment. She was instrumental in supporting the ESL program and helping to build onboarding processes for new language learners. Because of her efforts, many students were able to begin their academic journeys feeling supported, connected, and confident.

Krista has also shown a willingness to engage in important and sometimes difficult conversations in support of students. During Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month, she helped bring attention to the connection between veterans and suicide through campus communications. The newsletter featured the Veteran's Resource Center and included a thoughtful and personal letter she wrote as Glenn Center Manager, reflecting on her own experiences. Her openness helped foster understanding and compassion, while also ensuring students were aware of available resources.

Beyond her day-to-day responsibilities, Krista consistently looked for ways to bring people together and build community. She organized and supported events that created opportunities for students and staff to connect, from welcome initiatives like the Welcome Wall to end-of-semester gatherings such as the Cookies & Cocoa Social. These efforts may seem simple on the surface, but they made a real difference in helping students feel seen and supported.

Krista is also someone who people trust and enjoy working with. She has a collaborative approach, regularly reaching out to others and encouraging participation in ways that strengthen the campus community. Her focus has always been on what is best for students, and that shows in everything she does.

Krista's impact on this college is lasting. She leaves behind a legacy of service, care, and dedication that has touched students and colleagues alike. For these reasons, I strongly and sincerely recommend her for emeritus status.

Sincerely,

Julie Scarpelli

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