

August 21, 2015

To Whom it May Concern,

It is my great pleasure to write this letter of support for Dawn Setford. I have known Dawn for several years as her professor at Brock University and beyond as we maintained steady contact following her studies. Dawn demonstrated excellence in her academic studies presenting work that was professional in scope and focus. Her work ethic is beyond dedicated and her voice as an Aboriginal Artist and Activist was consistently present throughout her studies and in the activities she was involved in outside of academia. Following graduation Dawn maintained an active practice as an artist and has been consistently involved in the visual arts and with aboriginal communities.

Dawn has shown confidence, adaptability and perceptiveness. Her inquisitive nature and motivation are qualities that I feel are imperative for organizing and implementing the programming proposed for the Aboriginal Artists in Communities Grant. Through my experience Dawn has always been engaged with Aboriginal and Arts communities; this grant would provide an incredible opportunity for all that are involved. There is incredible potential for a greater dialogue to occur from the programming. I can say this from my perspective knowing Dawn, but also from the perspective as a teacher with first hand experience in both grade school and high school. She is not only attempting to integrate a greater focus on Aboriginal topics utilizing the arts; the proposal aims to create a bridge, through dialogue, across cultures in the classroom setting and beyond!

Dawn is not afraid of a challenge and sets her goals high; I sincerely believe the proposed program is well within capable hands. Dawn's genuine nature and subtle observation skills will enable her to perform beyond expectation.

Dawn has an innate ability to integrate quickly with her surroundings and circumstances, while demonstrating maturity, sensitivity and respect. She is an outstanding person with unlimited potential. I recommend her proposal very highly, without any reservation or hesitation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amy Friend', with a stylized, looping flourish at the end.

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