

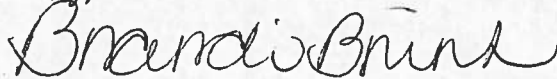
To Whom It May Concern:

Dr. Laurie A. Ramirez was my professor for the first time in the spring of 2010, and has continued to serve as an educational advocate, respected colleague, and valued mentor to me. Since then I have had one other course with her, and I am currently enrolled in one of her courses for the final semester of my graduate degree at Appalachian State University. Her democratic teaching style allows for the learning that occurs to be meaningful and lasting, and has provided her with a high reputation amongst students and professors alike.

Beyond the classroom, I have had the opportunity to attend professional conferences, and seminars with Dr. Ramirez, as well as help her plan for presentations at professional meetings. I can attest to her high level of professionalism, collegiality and commitment in the field of education, specifically in middle level education.

Throughout both my undergraduate and graduate experiences at Appalachian State University, Dr. Ramirez has provided me with a limitless supply of encouragement, and support in my endeavors, and has unquestionably impacted my interest in the area of education. It goes without saying that during my career as an educator she will continue to be a significant adviser in my decisions, and an enormous influence on my teaching.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brandi Brink". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Brandi Brink