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A Statement about Dr. Ramirez

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing today on behalf of one of the best professors and educators I have ever known in my entire collegiate career. Dr. Laurie Ramirez is a charismatic, thought-provoking, and extremely encouraging individual that has pushed me to excel as a teaching candidate. Any student that has had Dr. Ramirez can justify the statement that she has been one of the best professors that they ever had.

Dr. Ramirez positively engages and motivates all of her students to be their absolute best. She is the kind of person that has rigorous standards, but works with you constantly to help you achieve success. She has encouraged me both in and outside the classroom to better myself as an educator. She was not only my professor, but my advisor for Collegiate Middle Level Association where I served as Vice President. She encouraged me to attend the National Conference in Kentucky and went there for every step of the way during this unique professional development experience for a college student. She also encouraged a colleague and myself to present at the NC Middle School conference. She was there every step of the way in our planning and implementation of our presentation on Differentiation through Literature Circles.

As a professor, she truly embodies the spirit and virtues of a middle grades educator. She has driven into me, through formative & summative assessments and modeling, how to be the best educator that I could possibly be in the middle grades education field. She is a master of modeling in her classroom so her students can implement things in their middle school classrooms. She stresses the importance of advocating, engaging, and successfully educating middle school students. Having a committed and passionate professor has allowed me to have the same enthusiasm in my own classroom. She truly models and helps her students plan developmentally responsive, equitable, challenging, and empowering lessons for the classroom.. She also encourages real-life experiences and 21st century skills in her classroom and as something all teaching candidates should take to their classrooms. Her teaching methods have allowed me to become a highly qualified teaching candidate and without her support, dedication, and incredible classes on middle grades education, I am 100% positive that I would not be as successful as I have been today.

Dr. Ramirez is one of those people that every one needs to meet. I have had the pleasure of knowing her on a personal level through my classes and CMLA, and she is truly an inspiration to the field of education. Dr. Ramirez has inspired me to make changes in the field of education and to be an advocate for all students. She has also inspired me to want to become a Middle Grades Education professor, just like her. One day, I hope to follow in her footsteps as a

professor. Her impact on my life has truly been unprecedented. She is a hero to me in the field of education; a hero that I actually personally know and get advice from on a weekly basis. I hope that one day, I can have just half as much impact as she has had on the students at Appalachian State University.

Sincerely,

Lauren Boop