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Dear Dr. Yesbeck:

I am honored to write a letter of recommendation for Amber Peacock for a tenure-track position in Education with a specialization in preparing special education teachers at Randolph Macon College. I have had the pleasure of working with Amber for the past three years as her doctoral committee chair and as a student in my TEDU 730 Professional Development for Changing Schools course.

Amber has my highest recommendation for this position. Her understanding of the needs of pre-service education majors is unparalleled. While enrolled in my course, Amber consistently considered innovative strategies for working with students and faculty based on our curriculum materials. She was a most willing collaborator both inside and outside the classroom. She quickly understood course content and showed evidence of leadership among her peers. As part of the professional development course, students are asked to plan and lead seminar sessions. Amber's work showed her innate ability for organizing information and communicating with adult learners. I have no doubt that she will continue to be an excellent instructor for students enrolled in the special education program.

Throughout her dissertation work, Amber has demonstrated excellence in organization, time management and written work. I was able to count on Amber to have her materials prepared, writing revised, and data analyzed on or ahead of schedule. Not only does her study, Exploring Stakeholders' Perceptions of the Evaluation of Early Fieldwork Experiences in an Undergraduate Teacher Preparation Program, show exceptional promise for a continuing line of research, the results of her work have significant implications for program improvement in the supervision of student teachers during clinical experiences in her home institution as well as among other pre-service education programs. Her demonstrated ability to conduct program assessment as evidenced through her dissertation will be an asset for your institution.

I believe that you will find no stronger candidate for the Education position than Amber Peacock. She is flexible, friendly, and an advocate for providing the best experiences for education

students. Additionally, her commitment to excellence, focused efforts on behalf of students and faculty, and her willingness to learn are unrivaled among her peers. If I can provide any further information in support of her application, please contact me at (804) 712-3359.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joan A. Rhodes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "J".

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