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July 16, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

With pleasure I take this opportunity to write a well-deserved recommendation letter for Ms. Kari Klein. As the Director of the clinical research center UCF RESTORES, I have first-hand knowledge of the outstanding character and respected work ethics of this young lady. Not only did Kari work in my lab as a Research Assistant during her tenure as an undergraduate student, participating in a variety of research tasks from administration of self-report measures, to participating in exposure therapy sessions, to data coding and data entry. Kari was a vital part of the team and her efforts were extremely helpful to the overall treatment objectives.

Kari always showed an eagerness to work in the fast-paced environment, and she often did more than was expected of her all while carrying a heavy course load. In addition, she was proven to be reliable, extremely conscientious, and thorough with the tasks she was given. She was always appropriate and professional when interacting with other students, patients or patients' families.

Having been such a valuable member of our team, Kari was the obvious choice for a position in Administration in our Department of Psychology when the opportunity arose. She continues to shine as an exemplary individual who serves in the capacity of a Program Assistant to several faculty of UCF. Our Ph.D. orientation program has been enriched by her professionalism, attention to detail, and excellent communication skills.

Kari will be missed when she moves on. The faculty, co-workers, and graduate students – the department as a whole will miss her contributions. I believe in her ability and strengths, and highly recommend her as someone who will make a difference on your team.

Sincerely,

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Department of Psychology

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to recommend Kari Klein for this position. I supervised Kari's work as a Student Office assistant at the Psychology Department for the past 4 years. During that time, she has consistently demonstrated high work ethic, and interpersonal skills needed to be successful in the field.

As a student assistant for the psychology department, Kari constantly ensured her work was of top quality. Her enthusiasm to learn new things motivated her coworkers to follow in her footsteps. She her ability to respond to criticism in a positive manner set an example to the younger workers at our facility.

Interpersonally, Kari is a delight to work with, open to new ideas and to having her own ideas challenged. Kari is embraces diversity and has traveled around the world. These experiences with different cultures have taught her to effectively work with different cultures and have genuine respect for others.

In closing, I have consistently been impressed by Kari's professional demeanor, responsibility and follow through on assignments and overall dedication to her work and academic pursuits. She is a true pleasure to work with, and I am confident that she will go on to make significant contributions in her career. If you have any additional questions about her qualifications, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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June 23, 2014

Attention: Hiring Manager

RE: Reference for Ms. Kari Klein

I am pleased to write a letter of reference for Kari Klein. Kari has worked for the Psychology Department since she was a freshman, 5 years ago. She started as a part-time Student Assistant and is presently a full-time Program Assistant supporting the Applied Experimental Human Factors Ph.D. program.

It's been a wonderful experience watching her grow and develop. I was pleased to have her stay on with the department after she graduated with her degree in Psychology last year. Knowing it was temporary was not an issue. It was wonderful having someone who was reliable, knew all the players and is such a pleasure to work with, regardless of longevity.

The Psychology Department at the University of Central Florida is the largest department in the state university system. We have over 3700 undergraduate majors, 900 minors, 2 masters programs and 3 Ph.D. programs. Having been an undergraduate major, experience working in the Psychology front office and worked in various Psychology labs was invaluable in supporting this very complex department. She easily transitioned from being an undergraduate student to being a Program Assistant and has the full respect of the Program Director and Ph.D. students. As you may imagine, this is not always the case.

Kari has a very good work ethic. In addition to being very responsible she is quick to pick up new processes and procedures passed down by the college, graduate studies or HR. All of our program staff is cross trained in order to support other programs when necessary. Kari has been a valuable member of our team.

I highly recommend Kari for any position she may apply. I know she will be able to contribute to any team she works with. Please feel free to call me regarding this reference at 407-823-2157.

Sincerely,

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July 2, 2014

Dear Admissions Committee,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Ms. Kari Klein. I have known Kari for approximately 2 ½ years. She worked under my supervision as an undergraduate research assistant in the Anxiety Disorders Clinic at the University of Central Florida. In this role, she was extremely competent and was given tasks that required professionalism, responsibility, and focus. She assisted in a very comprehensive treatment program for combat-related PTSD as well as a childhood social phobia/selective mutism project.

Kari has excellent “people skills” and worked well with doctoral graduate students and post-doctoral fellows in providing exposure therapy to patients with social phobia as well as specific phobia. Kari was very dependable and accurate in her work. She conducted literature reviews and performed data entry. In her data entry role, she was astute and noticed errors of other students on a regular basis. Overall, Kari was a delight to have in the lab.

Kari is very interested in pursuing a research-based career. She is interested in attending graduate school and would like more experience to help her on this path. She would make a wonderful project coordinator or research associate. She is organized and very detail-oriented. She enjoys learning new things and never hesitates to take on challenging tasks. She has excellent leadership skills and others tend to seek her out for instructions when needed.

I believe that Kari will be an asset to your program. She is motivated and consistently working to further her skills. She seeks out supervision when needed and takes constructive feedback well. Again, I believe she has great potential and will be an asset to your program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Sandra M. Neer'.

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Department of Psychology

July 16th, 2014

I am very delighted to write in support of Ms. Kari Klein's application at the University of Texas. I have known Kari for over 5 years now as a student, undergraduate research assistant in my Human Factors Research Laboratory, and a colleague here in the Psychology Department.

As a result of my interaction with her in the lab, I am very pleased to report that Kari worked very hard in designing and conducting research to understand the various aspects related to driver distraction. As of spring 2012, Kari has also been a Research Assistant at the Anxiety Disorder's Clinic where she examined the treatment of anxiety disorders in children, adolescents, and adults. Kari is not only a hard worker as a Research assistant but also an outstanding student. A side from her academic excellence and research experience, she has also had the opportunity to work with Dr. McConnell as a teacher's assistant for his Developmental Psychology class, and History & Systems Psychology class. Kari has been a great research assistant who showed a great deal of respect for her colleagues, attended the meetings regularly, and showed an excellent level of motivation. I believe that Kari will continue to be very successful in her graduate studies.

As a result of my consistent interaction with her during this long period of time, I feel very confident to comment on her technical and administrative skills since she took the position of our Program Assistant for the Applied Experimental and Human Factors PhD Program as well. Kari was very instrumental in providing effective administrative support services to all students and faculty members in the department. In short, if you need something and have a problem with something, you go to Kari who is always there to assist you with a smile.

Kari is also a very friendly person with a positive attitude. You can never get her mad. She goes far beyond her prescribed duties to assist you with your needs. She has an outstanding rapport with both undergraduate and graduate students. For the first time in my 20 years here at UCF, I feel very sad about Kari leaving our department but I also want to wish her the best for this new opportunity. I can certainly confirm that she is among the top-2 and outstanding program assistants we've ever had. She is very knowledgeable, and has been undoubtedly a great asset to our undergraduate and graduate psychology programs. She has my highest possible recommendation. If you need any additional information on Ms. Klein's application, please feel free to contact me at 407-823-2910.

Sincerely,

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