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To Whom It May Concern:

It is a pleasure to write this letter of recommendation in support of Ms. Karis Bongiolatti.

As an Assistant Professor and Dance Education Program Director at Central Connecticut State University (CCSU), my experience in the dance community extends well beyond education. I have taught pre-professionals, professionals, novice dancers, and educators as a celebrated dance educator at leading performing arts schools. Additionally, I have been a dance professional for over two decades, a choreographer who has created theatrical and commercial works, and a producer of various dance festivals and showcases in New York City.

I am pleased to write on behalf of Ms. Bongiolatti. I have had the honor of teaching her in various courses at Central Connecticut State University and can confidently say she is an extraordinary young educator who is raising the standards of dance and dance education within the state. Ms. Bongiolatti's most striking quality is her approach to learning for herself and her peers. She is thorough in her lesson preparations, skillful in making meaningful connections with her peers, and effective in her approach to collaborative assignments and discussions. She excelled in my dance methods courses and distinguished herself through her immediate implementation of learning feedback. From an extracurricular perspective, she demonstrates integrity through her work as a choreographer and dancer during her time at the university. She is communicative, focused, and a joy to collaborate with. Furthermore, as an educational leader, she initiated two clubs at CCSU: the Line Dancing Club and the National Honors Society of Dance Arts. She also successfully enhanced fundraising efforts as the Senior Chair of the Fundraising Committee for Dancentral, one of the premier dance clubs on campus.

Ms. Bongiolatti is a rare, powerful, and exquisite young woman, and I wholeheartedly believe that our community benefits from her extraordinary talents and skills. I recommend Ms. Bongiolatti without reservation and urge you to consider her for any opportunities that may arise. She plays an integral role in our community, setting high standards for dance education and forming effective connections between dance artistry and education. I enthusiastically endorse her dance and teaching abilities. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions at rekoert@ccsu.edu.

Sincerely,

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