

May 25, 2018

## To Whom It May Concern:

As the current president of the National Association of Teacher Educators for Family and Consumer Sciences (NATEFACS, on behalf of our members I am pleased to be able to write this letter of support for Dr. Carol Werhan for the position of Vice-President of Family and Consumer Sciences for the Association of Career and Technical Education. I have had the pleasure of working with Dr. Werhan professionally since I became a member NATEFACS. Previously, I was familiar with her scholarly work, knew of her reputation in the field, and was inspired by her leadership in family and consumer sciences. Two key professional characteristics stand out to me when I think of Carol Werhan. She has demonstrated her dedication to advocating for career and technical education and she embodies positive leadership skills.

Dr. Werhan strives for quality programs and has made this an integral part of her professional duties. Throughout her professional experience, Carol has worked to enhance teacher preparation and curriculum in family and consumer sciences (FCS). She is considered the guru of research related to the teacher shortage and the demand for FCS teachers. She continually remains current regarding the content and stays abreast of key issues in the field. Her passionate commitment to helping others become more proficient and confident in utilizing research to address concerns is evident through the number of scholarly publications and presentations she has documented. The ultimate goals of her endeavors are to promote family and consumer sciences and achieve strategic priorities. This is exactly what is needed from the Vice-President of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Dr. Werhan's teamwork approach and communication style are outstanding and what contributes to her successful collaborative efforts. Fellow FCS professionals look forward to working with Carol on initiatives as she is someone who is able to execute her responsibilities effectively and play an active role. She is a role model for interacting with diverse populations as she looks out for the best for all concerned and is willing to consider multiple perspectives. Her background in various realms of education in multiple states gives her unique perspective and a vast network to access. She is a tremendous resource to the field and is always responsive to our questions and needs. Her expertise has been an asset on numerous boards and leadership teams. We are fortunate to have such a qualified individual working on our behalf.

As your committee reviews the contributions of Dr. Carol Werhan, she should receive your full consideration as a candidate for the position of Vice-President of Family and Consumer Sciences for the Association of Career and Technical Education. She will continue to represent family and consumer sciences and career and technical education with pride and demonstrate the characteristics I hold in such high regard. Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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## To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Dr. Carol Werhan for the position of Vice President of the Family and Consumer Sciences Division in ACTE. Dr. Werhan is an outstanding leader in Family and Consumer Sciences and Education both in the state of Indiana and throughout our country.

As a classroom teacher of Family and Consumer Sciences and FCCLA, Dr. Werhan has impacted my students through implementing a statewide program called "Be A Teacher Day", where students throughout the state come together in Indianapolis to learn more about teaching and potential post-secondary options. This program is extremely important to future teachers because of the extreme teacher shortage in our state. She also has sponsored the FCCLA Fall Leadership Rally at Purdue University where over 400 FCCLA members had the opportunity to explore Purdue University and learn more about FCCLA. Dr. Werhan understands the importance of helping middle school and high school students explore opportunities that impact their future career choices.

Dr. Werhan serves as the Family and Consumer Sciences Educator at Purdue University and she does an outstanding job of teaching and leading those future professionals into career paths that best match their skills and abilities. She develops strong relationships with her students so they feel like they are part of a family and she is there to help them throughout this transitional part of their life.

In addition to her leadership skills throughout Indiana, Dr. Werhan has served in many state and national leadership capacities and led those organizations onward. She shares her vision with all. She works well in a team environment by making people feel included and their ideas matter. I always appreciate her ideas and opinions on the committees we serve on together.

I feel Dr. Carol Werhan will be an excellent choice as the Vice President of the Family and Consumer Sciences Division in ACTE. She is truly a deserving and qualified candidate.

Sincerely,

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Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher

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## To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Dr. Carol Werhan for the position of Vice President of the Family and Consumer Sciences Division in ACTE. Dr. Werhan is a deserving candidate and well-known leader in Family and Consumer Sciences throughout the country.

As the former State Administrator for Family and Consumer Sciences and current FCCLA State Adviser for Indiana, I can confirm that Carol's work and assistance in leadership in Indiana has been irreplaceable. Carol has been an integral component of the Say Yes to FCS Campaign (teacher recruitment initiative for FCS education) in Indiana and throughout the country. She has not only been an active participant but has led the research and data collection to document and analyze the teacher shortage. This research has been valuable in not only in implementing an effective recruitment strategy; it was essential to the field of Family and Consumer Sciences securing a \$1 million grant to further the work.

Carol has been an advocate for Career and Technical Education throughout her many placements in life. This is especially true in her roles in Indiana. Carol serves as the Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher Educator at Purdue University. Through her position, Carol uses her classroom to model effective professionalism for her students by educating them on being an outstanding CTE professional. She includes multiple education experiences for students to participate in and learn the value of professional organizations. She not only encourages them to join but makes opportunities available to them such as assisting them in attending the Indiana ACTE State Conference each fall and making sure it is a valuable experience for them. She develops positive relationships with her students so that they have a deep understanding of what it feels like to be an active part of CTE. Her students are outstanding educators in the field after leaving Purdue because of the guidance Carol provides. As a university teacher educator, Carol serves as a leading partner in the Indiana Family and Consumer Sciences Education Council. This is a group of leaders from post-secondary, state government, and student organizations in Indiana who work to strategically plan effective professional development and programming for all facets of Family and Consumer Sciences in Indiana.

Carol also takes initiative to make momentum happen in the field. Carol has been the lead coordinator on the "Be a Teacher Day" program. She has helped guide over 400 students each year through the program and working with the teacher education programs from more than 30 colleges. It is no simple task in getting 30+ colleges to come and together and cooperate for

the greater good in recruiting secondary students into college teacher preparation programs. Carol has planned and implemented all facets of the project and has been lead researcher in the pre and post data collection and research efforts. Because of her work, we can say "Students interest in pursuing teaching have a statistically significant increase because of the Be a Teacher Day event." This research helps to secure future funding for teacher education and particularly family and consumer sciences teacher education because of the impact of the project.

Carol also serves middle and high school students in Family and Consumer Sciences. She is a vital collaborator helping Indiana FCCLA reach goals for Family and Consumer Sciences students. Carol was able to garner funding to offer a scholarship for an FCCLA student pursuing Family and Consumer Sciences education each year at Purdue. This opportunity did not exist before Carol came to Purdue. She sees the big picture and the needs of CTE and makes things happen. Additionally, Carol was willing to host a Fall FCCLA Leadership Meeting which had an attendance of over 400 students at Purdue University. This event was a great recruitment tool. Carol organized the event, planned a CTE college major fair, and even led one of the campus tours. I think that is very descriptive of the servant leadership Carol exhibits.

Carol's servant leadership was integral in the development of standards for Indiana Family and Consumer Sciences. Carol has served on numerous pathway committees and development groups for CTE. Her opinion is highly value and she is an outstanding contributor. I currently serve as the Chair for the national FCCLA Board of Directors and work with representatives from many organizations. Carol is by far one of the best contributors on committee work. She goes above and beyond to contribute to the goals of an organization.

Carol's work in the field of Family and Consumer Sciences in known nationwide. When the position at Purdue was available, multiple people contacted Carol to encourage her to apply. I think this speaks volumes about the level of candidate Carol is for the ACTE Vice President position. She is a true asset to the profession and I am privileged to write this letter in support of Dr. Carol Werhan. She is an excellent candidate who will make an excellent leader for Family and Consumer Sciences.

Sincerely,

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Indiana FCCLA Adviser and ProStart Coordinator



## DEPARTMENT OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

May 17, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

I am happy to write a letter of support for Professor Carol Werhan's nomination for Vice President of Family and Consumer Sciences Division in the Association of Career-Technical Education (ACTE). I believe she would be an excellent Vice President and would fulfill all associated duties with great skill and exuberance.

Professor Werhan is currently an Assistant Professor of Family and Consumer Sciences Education in Purdue's College of Education. In this role, she teaches classes, advises students, works on various committees central to the department and college, and spends a great deal of time engaged in outreach to policy makers and practicing teachers. She is very adept at managing all of these responsibilities effectively and distinguishing herself as an exemplary faculty member.

In conclusion, I heartily provide my support for Professor Werhan's nomination for the Vice Presidency. I believe she will add a great deal to the organization and its mission.

Sincerely,

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