

Minnesota Family, Career and Community Leaders of America

May 25, 2018

To whom it may concern

Re: ACTE Vice president of FCS representative selection process

I would like to enthusiastically recommend Tracey M. Eatherton for consideration for the ACTE position for FCS leadership. I have known Tracey as an adviser from another state association for about 15 years. Tracey is a “rock star” teacher and adviser for FCCLA chapters. This is why I write this letter of recommendation.

- Tracey believes in career and technical education, FCS and youth leadership development and exhibits her leadership consistently.
- Tracey has numerous awards for excellence in the profession (I counted at least 14 on her resume).
- Tracey has been a peer-to-peer teacher for other advisers, a master teacher, a frequent workshop presenter and contributor to Techniques while helping others learn the profession.
- Tracey has continued to seek professional development and gained multiple degrees including doctoral degrees yet choosing to remain in the classroom.
- Tracey has frequent successes with her students at national and state FCCLA.
- Tracey has been active in ACTE, NATFACS, MoEFACS, FCCLA and the National Coalition for Family and Consumer Sciences Education and has supported work with the Mo Dept. of Education.
- Tracey has been a state winner and national finalist with Community Service Outstanding Teacher Awards.
- Tracey is a nationally certified teacher with National Board Certification.
- Tracey has been a trainer with *Take Charge Today*.
- Tracey has been an adjunct faculty member at Southeast Missouri State University and Mineral Area College in Missouri.
- Tracey knows how to seek grant funds and has been creative in seeking resources.
- Tracey has trained FCCLA officers and advisers from our state for two years on using technology with FCCLA public relations/membership campaigns.

With all of these skills and experiences, Tracey would be an asset to the ACTE Board of Directors. She knows career and technical education programs, understands policy development and leadership, and would continue to work diligently on behalf of the students and teacher. Tracey would absolutely add value to the ACTE Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

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To Whom It May Concern:

Without reservation, it is my pleasure to support Tracye Eatherton for Vice President of Family and Consumer Sciences for ACTE. She is a true academic leader and visionary. Having been involved in all levels of the profession, Tracye has had experience on the secondary and post-secondary levels and with professional and non-profit organizations.

I had the opportunity to work with her on the national Board of Directors for Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. Tracye has a total understanding of the profession and what is necessary for it to continue and thrive in the educational system. She is well spoken, assertive and compassionate. She works hard to do what was right for the members and supports positive outcomes for the advisors and volunteers.

Tracye has shown her desire to learn and grow professionally by completing several degrees in family and consumer sciences, educational leadership and administration. She has written curriculum and implements new initiatives for the discipline. Having a broad understanding of Career and Technical Education and how Family and Consumer Sciences fits into the total program is a strong attribute.

Tracye would be an excellent Vice President and represent Family and Consumer Sciences with dedication and commitment.

Sincerely,

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April 13, 2018

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of Mrs. Tracey Newman. I have known Dr. Eatherton for the past twenty years as a colleague, fellow college student influential mentor, and co-sponsor of various extra-curricular activities. I hold Dr. Eatherton in very high esteem as an educator and as an inspiration to keep my own teaching at the highest levels. Thus, I highly recommend Dr. Eatherton for Association for Career and Technical Education Family and Consumer Sciences Division Vice President based on three amazing strengths: leadership building, teaching ability and complete dedication to the profession.

First, Dr. Eatherton is a leadership builder. I have a very specific purpose in this phrase and I believe this is her greatest strength. I have been a sponsor of numerous student organizations such as National Honor Society, Student Council, Future Teachers of America, Classes of 2002/2012/2016/2020 and various other clubs throughout my career at various schools. Student organizations need leaders, but, as faculty sponsors, we tend to rely upon the natural leaders of the student body. There is tremendous competition for these natural leaders in a small school with many student organizations. Dr. Eatherton has taken a unique approach in this competition with her FCCLA. She builds the leaders from the ground up. She finds the students who have potential leadership and she nurtures and develops their leadership skills. She has the unique ability to pull students from their box, immerse them in new experiences and create successful leaders. The success of her technique is evident in the success of the FCCLA chapter in competitions and in their regional, state and national elections. She is the only organization sponsor to get students elected to regional and state level. She is the only “coach” to consistently succeed at NATIONAL competitions. In addition, many of her creations have carried their leadership skills to prestigious universities across the nation. Unlike the rest of her fellow teachers, sponsors and coaches who use the naturally talented leaders, Dr. Eatherton is a leadership builder.

Second, Dr. Eatherton’s teaching ability is second to none at Ste. Genevieve High School. She uses best practice methods and tends to stay ahead of the educational leadership of our district. Her classes are constantly engaged with active learning and cooperative learning. She immerses students in differentiated instruction and her classroom is a model in the application of multiple intelligences. She was way ahead of the curve of one-to-one computer implementation and uses cutting-edge technology more than any other teacher. In fact, she trains the rest of the district and provides nation-wide teacher training in Web 2.0 applications. She was actually the FIRST teacher in the district to apply the “Kahoot” revolution to education. She maintains high standards of learning and classroom management, while simultaneously building the appropriate bonds with students that last a lifetime. In the end, lessons in humanity and people skills influence our students far more than our content curriculum. Dr. Eatherton’s standards of excellence in the classroom have helped her develop her dedicated following of students, the respect and admiration of her peers and earned her numerous awards at the

district, regional and state levels. She is the only teacher in the district who has served and is currently serving on NATIONAL leadership boards for education improvement.

Third, Dr. Eatherton is completely dedicated to the teaching profession. She has taken her job far beyond the limits of her own classroom. She is the only National Board Certified teacher in our building. She was a member of an elite master teacher team of 12 who provided national training to teachers throughout the fifty states. She spends weekends, professional time, and every summer traveling the country to national workshops to enhance her own teaching abilities. She presents at these national conferences and attends presentations for her own improvement. Plus, taking additional trips with students to enhance their leadership abilities at national conferences. She has modeled leadership ethics by holding state and national leadership positions. She has been highly involved in the leadership of our school district. She has consistently connected her organizations and school activities to community events, charities, fundraisers and service projects to make the entire community a better place. She has steered literally hundreds of thousands of grant dollars into the district for technology. Her dedication has, without a doubt, made Ste. Genevieve a better school district and community.

In conclusion, I highly recommend Dr. Tracey Eatherton for Association for Career and Technical Education Family and Consumer Sciences Division Vice President based on her leadership construction, teaching ability, and complete dedication to the profession. She has consistently contributed to the improvement of instruction for teachers and learning for students. Her research dissertation was specifically focused on how teachers learn in order to better herself and more effectively present professional development at the local, state, and national level.

My consistent fear in writing letters of recommendation is that the reader will believe I have artificially inflated the person. I can only assure the reader that my humble words are merely a scratch on the surface of the contributions, unique abilities, and talents of this particular teacher. Please feel free to contact me at (314) 471-7775 or mruch@sgdragons.org for further information. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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To whom it may concern:

Please accept this letter on behalf of Dr. Tracey Eatherton for consideration of the ACTE Vice President for the Family and Consumer Sciences Division. I have had the pleasure of working with Dr. Eatherton for the past eleven years at Ste. Genevieve Senior High School. She has served us as FCCLA adviser and FACS instructor for the past 21 years and during this time Dr. Eatherton has been active in all aspects of the school and is constantly eager to both help and learn from school processes. I have found her to be intelligent, hardworking, organized and intuitive. I have been consistently impressed with her professionalism and her desire for learning beyond what is expected, both intrinsically and from her students.

As a FACS instructor and FCCLA adviser I feel Dr. Eatherton's program is second to none. I have had the opportunity to work in two other districts in my career and in no instance have I ever found an organization as implanted and impactful as hers. In the eleven years that I have been an administrator at SGHS, Dr. Eatherton has maintained excellent chapter membership. In each of the last five years she has had members become regional and state officers. She also has been involved in the national conference each of the last eight years sending 32 members in the last three years. All totaled, she has had five national candidate officers, 18 state officers, and 60 regional officers.

Dr. Eatherton does not, however, just maintain a great rapport and success with our students. She has a productive working relationship with her community advisory board and has managed a seamless partnership with our technology department. Dr. Eatherton has also given of her time working on our Leadership, Professional Development, Tax Bond Issue and MSIP committees. She has also demonstrated a keen ability to lead professional development activities with our staff. In any case, she has always worked well with members of our operating board and has proven herself quite effective in identifying key issues and working with others for resolution.

Dr. Eatherton's dedication to the principles of her program can also be found in her service to NATFACS, FCCLA, and MoEFACS. She is a 28 year member of each. For NATFACS she has served on a multitude of committees including Scholarship, Programming and Nominating and has been a FCCLA member of the National Board of Directors, board chair and national conference presenter (eight times). If these two were not impressive enough, Dr. Eatherton has served as a MoEFACS board member, Treasurer, President-Elect and conference presenter (eleven times). Dr. Eatherton has truly engaged herself in her program and affiliations and it has shown in the impact she has on her students and program.

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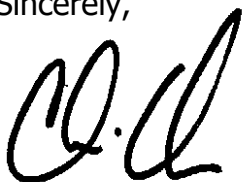
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Dr. Eatherton has grown her program at SGHS to include a cooperative with Mineral Area College that has enabled our district to serve our pre-school students and has given our high school students the opportunity to work towards a Child Development Associates degree. She maintains a Personal Finance course and has even served as an item writer for DESE's Personal Finance Assessment Program. Finally, she has impressively continued to grow and evolve all aspects of the FACS program both during the school day and extra-curricular.

I wholeheartedly support Dr. Eatherton's candidacy for ACTE Vice President for the Family and Consumer Sciences Division and support her attendance at ACTE Board meetings and related events. Please let me know if there is anything else I can do on behalf of this outstanding educator.

Sincerely,



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