

# MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am very happy to write this letter of reference on behalf of Vincent Lindquist, who has been my student in the Spartan Marching Band at Michigan State University. I have known Vincent throughout my three years at the University, and he has been a member of the band for four years.

During his time in the band, Vincent has not only been an active member and capable performer, but also served for two years as a trumpet squad leader. The role of squad leader is a time-consuming and demanding job. The squad leader must be a proficient and confident performer while teaching complex marching skills to other members of the band. The squad leader is an example of a leadership role where one must be so confident in his own performance that he can quickly correct others and give direction in the midst of a rehearsal or performance. Vincent proved time and again to be an outstanding leader of his peers. Beyond the day-to-day leadership in rehearsals and performances, Vincent demonstrated time and again to be a resource for new students, and a capable manager of the myriad personalities one finds in such a large organization. I believe these skills will pay huge benefits during his teaching career.

This past fall, Vincent balanced the demanding schedule of student teaching with the marching band's rigorous rehearsal and performance schedule. Vincent's participation in the band this past fall not only demonstrates his profound commitment to the band, but an uncanny ability to stay on top of a very complex schedule. We all know that teaching is not a "9 to 5" job, and Vincent has already proven his dedication and work ethic. While he was student teaching in Government and Economics classes at St. John's High School, I often spoke to him when he was leaving rehearsal at 6:00 PM to go *back* to the school to participate in parent-teacher conferences or some other important event.

Vincent Lindquist has proven to be of no less than the highest moral character. He is a conscientious, understanding leader, who consistently commands the utmost respect from his peers and teachers. I am very proud to have worked with him, and honored to offer my highest recommendation on his behalf. If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Most Sincerely,



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