



Recommendation for Michelle Miklinski

Your word is a lamp to my feet . . .
Psalm 119:105

Michelle Miklinski has been an intern in our Student Services department during the 2013-14 year. Her work has been exemplary, and her contribution significant.

Michelle has fit well into the culture of Wheaton Academy and of Student Services. First and foremost, she has a heart for students. I have observed Michelle as she has counseled students. She is an attentive listener, with empathy and a discerning spirit. Our students have picked up on these qualities, and they feel at ease with her.

Michelle is both eager and quick to learn. She is not hesitant to admit what she does not know, and she asks good questions. I am impressed with her desire to soak in as much knowledge as she can, with humility and enthusiasm.

I appreciate Michelle's collaborative spirit. She works efficiently and carefully, and we all like her! We truly have considered Michelle a core member of our team. She is a woman who exhibits integrity and ethical standards and strives for excellence in her work. She has become knowledgeable in Blackbaud, our student information management system, and Naviance Family Connection, our system to help students identify their strengths and interests and navigate the college application process.

Michelle has been involved in many areas related to student care, from academic issues to personal ones. She has participated actively in my specialty - college counseling - working with students (primarily juniors and seniors) and their parents as they navigate the college admission process and make an ultimate college decision. I am impressed with her level of care and proactivity in seeking to become an expert in counseling families about the college choice. She is a quick learner.

Perhaps this sums it up best: Michelle's (unpaid) internship required her to be here for one semester. She is now completing her second semester with us! She has stayed with us because of her passion for the profession and her commitment to be the best she can be. I am confident that if you have Michelle Miklinski on your team, you'll have one of the best! I give her an enthusiastic recommendation!

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