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To whom it may concern,

Ohio University has had a large impact on the professional educator I have become. As a first generation college student at OHIO, I had little guidance outside of the university staff. As much as my family wanted me to succeed, I needed support beyond their capabilities. My advisor provided information to help me create an academic plan, utilize campus resources throughout this plan, and graduate with prospective employers interested in my skills. Since my undergraduate studies, I have had a rewarding teaching career. Each year, the percentage of my students that pass the Ohio Achievement Assessment has increased. I was also awarded the letter grade of "A" by the Ohio Department of Education for value-added in the classroom for the 2012-2013 school year.

Recently, I completed graduate studies with Kansas State University. Upon earning a master's degree in academic advising, I was ready for my next challenge. I contacted Ohio University to volunteer my services at Bobcat Student Orientation. I was given the opportunity to work with University College to advise freshman and transfer students into their first semester at OHIO. This experience exceeded my expectations. I worked with a large number of students each day. I would present the academic essentials presentation and guide students in building a complete and appropriate schedule. During daily advisor meetings, I would collaborate with OHIO advisors to ensure I had the most updated information for my students.

Although Bobcat Student Orientation was an exhilarating experience, I wanted to continue my involvement in higher education. I am currently serving as an instructor for a UC 1000 course and look forward to many more opportunities to be part of OHIO.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about my qualifications, please contact me by phone at 740-708-4138 or by email at [gibsons2@ohio.edu](mailto:gibsons2@ohio.edu). Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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