



General Letter of Reference 2015 RE: Samara C. Kezele Fritchmann MA, LMAC, CEAP, EAS-C

I have had the distinct pleasure of working with Samara for a brief time the last few months and she has been a great assistance to the student Veteran population at Tacoma Community College. In my capacity working with Veterans within support services, I collaborated with Samara in creating a resource center for Veterans to utilize and act as a safe and secure space for them to enjoy, as well as offer any information that could be helpful to them in their personal or academic lives. I also worked closely with her in my hopes to implement a training program for instructors, administrators and other staff in order to better educate them about Veterans issues and give them a better understanding of the military experience and what Veterans go through when dealing with the VA and the VHA. Samara would have been the certifying instructor of this project, running the workshops, had she not decided to return to private practice and national speaking.

Student Veterans with whom I have spoken have nothing but positive things to say about Samara. When they have been uncomfortable going into the Advising and Counseling Center, she would meet them where they would be comfortable. She is very knowledgeable of Veterans issues and strives to help them in every possible way. She is a great resource for Veterans and I look forward to collaborating with her in the future.

If you would like to follow up with any questions, inquiries about Samara and her collaborations with me, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Sincerely,

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