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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to highly recommend Jessica Pettitt to be a Certified Speaking Professional through the National Speaker's Association. Jessica visited our campus on January 19th, 2010. She facilitated a roundtable discussion to a group of twenty and also conducted a keynote speech to an auditorium of around 200.

Jessica is an extremely intelligent, dignified, and motivational speaker. Her two programs, *Gender This!* and *Be the Change You Want to Be*, helped to promote our mission statement of equality for all. Jessica was not only engaging with our students and staff but was also funny, easily keeping her audience's attention.

Upon arriving at James Madison on the 19th of January, Jessica was willing to go the distance in terms of helping our program with inclusion ideas. She was not only a delight to work with but also gave out her personal phone number to her audiences so they were able to contact her with any questions that they may have felt uncomfortable asking out loud. Jessica has kept in touch with us to this day and continues to tell us that she receives messages from our students regularly. She obviously made an impact on our campus and her message has not been forgotten. I cannot think of anyone better to become a Certified Speaking Professional.

If you would like additional information about Jessica, you can contact me at (540) 568-2831.

Sincerely,

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