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To Whom It May Concern,

Emma Newell is an exceptional young woman who epitomizes 4-H Youth Development. I have had the privilege of knowing Emma through her involvement in the Ohio 4-H dog program. Emma's enthusiasm for and commitment to 4-H embrace the 4-H pledge and motto, and have afforded her leadership opportunities at local, state, national, and international levels.

Locally, Emma is very involved with 4-H groups, serving in leadership roles in her community club, as a summer camp counselor, 4-H PetPALS (People and Animals Linking Successfully) member, Junior Fair Board member, and 4-H dog show judge, to mention a few. She serves as a mentor to 4-H club members and is a positive role model to hundreds of youth throughout the state.

Emma is a trustee on the Ohio 4-H Foundation Board. She also serves as a Platinum Advisor on the Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council. Emma was an Ohio representative to National 4-H Conference. She currently is a member of the National 4-H Youth Advisory Committee, supporting National 4-H Council's initiatives. Emma was an Ohio 4-H delegate to the 2017 Global 4-H Network Summit, where she served in international leadership roles throughout the week.

Emma most impresses me with her commitment to community and service. As a 4-H PetPALS member and volunteer leader, she and her dog Quincy have given hundreds and hundreds of volunteer hours providing animal-assisted activities/therapy visits to children and adults throughout Ohio. Visits made by Emma and Quincy have taken place in assisted living and skilled nursing facilities, college campuses, libraries, schools, hospices...anywhere this team can brighten people's lives and make their days a little better. Emma has promoted 4-H PetPALS on social media, television, and through other media venues.

As a 6-year 4-H volunteer for Agility Ability, a non-profit organization that provides a type of therapy for special needs children built around agility dogs, Emma and Quincy have made a huge impact on these youth. One mother commented for an article written in *Columbus Parent* that her daughter, who has autism and an anxiety disorder, really likes Emma and will nod and speak around her. Because of Emma's compassion and caring, this young lady keeps coming to Agility Ability, and participates wholeheartedly.

Emma developed a Dog Safety/Bite Prevention program teaching children how to be safe around dogs, which she has presented to more than 70 classrooms. She continues to present this program using entertaining and educational teaching methods, preparing students to be able to apply what they have learned in real-life situations.

To accomplish what Emma has requires exceptional work ethics and dedication. She is a very mature and responsible individual who cares about her community and those around her. She is confident, believes in herself and her abilities, and does not hesitate to help others. Emma is well respected by her peers. She is a strong leader, but equally as strong of a team member. Emma displays impeccable time management skills. She has always followed through with her commitments, and welcomes challenges with high expectations.

Emma Newell has the background, motivation and confidence to be successful throughout her college career and in any future endeavor. Please do not hesitate to contact me at miller.78@osu.edu or 614.292.7453 should you want further information.

Sincerely,

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