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FROM: Brian Hlavaty, Oakland University journalism internship director

A love of words has led Danielle Kopacki to journalism. A strong work ethic will fuel her on the path to success.

I was delighted that Danielle asked me to write a letter of recommendation for her senior portfolio. She's excels whenever our paths cross:

Internship: The highest praise I get about an intern is when a business asks me to send another one exactly the same. That's what the American Power Boat Association said about Danielle. Her strong writing, confidence, professionalism and ability to learn quickly were on display at that magazine. She impressed her bosses.

News Bureau: Her contributions to this invitation-only class were solid as a rock. Whether she was writing about ladies day out at the gun range, young mothers with home businesses or jobs in sign language, she had just the right touch. Did I mention that her copy is clean? As a former news editor in charge of a newspaper copy desk, I can give no higher praise.

Classroom: Early in my editing class, I pegged her as someone who would stand out. She didn't disappoint. Her writing showed a solid grasp of the English language, well above many of her classmates. She was always ready with an answer when called.

In one paper, she talked of her years in a gifted program where her goal to succeed propelled her to advance a grade in three of four core subjects. Her strongest was English. She wrote, "Passion drove me to seek a future in writing, with journalism as my path." Danielle seems well suited for a career involving words.

She wins rave reviews at work and in school. I'm sure she will at your business, too.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Hlavaty'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with 'Brian' on the left and 'Hlavaty' on the right.

Brian Hlavaty