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Letter of Reference for Sarah Hamilton, MPA

I am very honored to share with you my thoughts and experiences with regards to Sarah Hamilton. Because of her commitment and value to principle-based community engagement and information, it gives me great pleasure to write this letter of support for Ms. Hamilton's work with TEDx.

I am a 2019 speaker for TEDx in Chapel Hill, North Carolina and I have worked with Sarah to bring the event into fruition. With the diversity of her talk selections, it quickly became apparent that Sarah believes deeply in the sharing of stories that allow the listener an opportunity to open a new stream of awareness and its committee to soliciting new narratives aimed at benefitting the community. Sarah possesses the rare ability to engage large groups of people by actively listening respectfully to their contributions and by providing them with feedback for reflection in a way that is both helpful and encouraging. Her natural proclivity to make everyone feel important during her interaction is highlighted because of her easy rapport and clear communication.

I have witnessed her interaction with presenters and speakers and was not surprised when I discovered we all felt such a sense of admiration for Sarah's organization skills. She provided us with resources to help us develop our talks as well as constant encouragement, feedback, and diligent follow-up. Sarah's ability to encourage speakers to view their stories through a lens of how they as citizens may contribute to society is a special gift that few teachers possess, and Sarah has mastered.

Sarah would be a wonderful addition to any program. With her gifts and talents, her impact on society will be felt and hopefully duplicated as we continue to add value to our society. This letter of support is not hyperbole. TEDx is quite fortunate to add such a talent to the collective. This country needs more active citizens like her and I am thrilled to voice my highest support for Sarah Hamilton.

Sincerely,

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TEDx & TED.com ["Why the Way We Tell Stories and Document History is a Social Justice Issue"](#)

