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To Whom It May Concern:

For the past couple of years Shalena Broaster has played an active role in supporting the development of the students at Belmont Charter School. Shalena has been a proud participant of Belmont Charter School's Annual Career Week event and has introduced Belmont students to the D.I.V.A Academy, a workshop for young ladies to promote healthy self-image, confidence and relationships.

Who would have known that one person could have so much impact. Our students each year are left with a positive appreciation for themselves and a new appreciation for hard work despite the many obstacles that they currently face or may face in the future. It is through self-reflection exercises, the development of vision statements, motivational speeches and empowerment songs that our students are taught critical skill sets that can help them to make better decisions, cope with peer pressure and set realistic goals for the future.

It is because of Shalena's ongoing support that we have many students who now believe that they too can go on to a top high school, get into college and purse a rewarding career. This would not be possible if it weren't for Shalena's involvement with our students every year.

Shalena is truly an inspiration to all whom she comes in contact with. She is making positive inroads to help increase the number of students who graduate from high school on time by focusing on middle school students. We can't say it enough how much we truly appreciate her support of our school and students. We are grateful to partner with her every year.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Best regards,

Malaun Yuille Academic Counselor

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**Enrichment Teacher**