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Barranquilla, December 1, 1998

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

Marymount Barranquilla began a new era in education when Dr. Keith Bookwalter joined our administration in 1987. In his capacity as Assistant Director responsible for staff development, he has been an outstanding educational leader and a well-respected and active member of our local community.

Consistently rated among the top 5% of Colombian schools, Marymount is a private, bi-lingual ( Spanish – English), co-ed institution of approximately 1,400 students and 200 faculty and staff. The college preparatory, intensive English curriculum enables all of our graduates to pursue university studies in Colombia as well as in the States.

During his years with us, Dr. Bookwalter has been instrumental in revising the philosophical framework of the school, and in educating the school community in the theoretical implications of developmental theory and brain research. His patience and persistence, extensive library of resources, and personal and professional knowledge about teaching and learning have inspired non-certified staff to enroll in degree programs in education, and others to obtain in graduate degrees.

Students look forward to working with "Mr. B." in the sciencing center he founded for our elementary and junior high classes. Parents, teachers, and alumni know him as a good listener, a respectful and thoughtful advisor, an avid basketball player, an ethical decision – maker, and a creative team builder. Keith Bookwalter is a man of high moral principles, sound family values, and sincere appreciation of and respect for differences in culture, language, and customs.

We know that Dr. Keith Bookwalter has a bright future in the field of education. I highly recommend him to you.

Sincerely,

*Amira Noguera de McCausland*

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