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To Whom It May Concern:

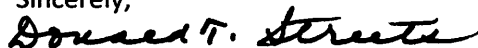
I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Dr. Keith Bookwalter. I first met Keith as one of my Master's Degree students in the early 1980's during which time I was serving as Associate Dean of Graduate Studies at National University in San Diego, California. Immediately Keith stood out as a brilliant scholar, a tireless student, and an enormously committed educator who was completely dedicated to pursuing the illusive but imperative goal of creating a truly holistic educational system based on a comprehensive, coherent philosophy that explicates the nature of humans, while at the same time serving as a body of thought, a "noetic integrator" to use an expression from the brilliant biologist Julian Huxley, from which could be derived theories of development, curriculum, teaching, evaluation, and administration based on that same philosophy. After completing his Master's degree, Keith integrated all that he had learned into his continued involvement as an educator while pursuing doctoral studies based on the same sense of direction. During that period of his studies he was in constant contact, so that I have had a fairly full sense of what he has been doing and studying for the years since then.

Rarely does one find such a dedicated professional as Keith. Many scholars of his level are satisfied to remain somewhat cloistered in academic settings while those who are most keen on applying what they have learned tend to be impatient with the rigors and contemplative demands of scholarly inquiry. Here is where Keith stands out as a rather distinct and rare professional—he represents both. How many truly gifted scholars have in the past gotten lost in the world of abstractions without eventually finding out if what they believe to be true is supported by empirical evidence. At the same time, how many energetic educational activists also are there who are so eager to make a difference by rolling up their sleeves that they prematurely weary from engaging in the imperative philosophical and theoretical work that would tend to ensure that what they are about to implement truly is going to make a difference? Keith not only sees that both are required, he also represents the synthesis of these two most critical aspects.

Coupled with these two aforementioned capacities, Keith is a person of high integrity and character that is beyond reproach. In summary, Dr. Keith Bookwalter has my highest endorsement as an outstanding educator who can blend both theory and practice holistically into an approach to the education of children, youth, and adults that best fits their nature, their needs, their development, and their previous experience.

If there is any further information that I might provide, I can be reached by email at: [dtstreets@yahoo.com](mailto:dtstreets@yahoo.com); by regular mail at the address above; and by phone at: 480 451 4119.

Sincerely,



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