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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this reference at the request of Ms. Jana Klarmann, who is applying for the IStudy abroad program. I have known Ms. Klarmann for two years and have taught her in three of my ELT methodology courses at Graz University and at the University College of Teacher Education Styria.

Ms. Klarmann immediately caught my attention due to her active participation in class discussions and the very good quality of her work. Ms. Klarmann seems to be genuinely interested in all issues related to ELT methodology. She works hard at improving her own language skills and actively explores theoretical aspects of language learning and teaching.

In the course “Focus on Language and the Learner” Ms. Klarmann has shown her excellent understanding of theoretical principals of language acquisition as well as her high awareness of learners’ needs. Ms. Klarmann has shown a keen interest in all the ideas related to brain-friendly grammar teaching. Her final paper shows that she can put her theoretical knowledge into practice and thus help learners acquire new language structures very efficiently.

Ms Klarmann has also attended my course “Language Teaching in Practice 2” which accompanied her second teaching practice in school. Again, Ms Klarmann was one of the top students in the class. Her comments and questions always show her excellent motivation and high awareness of pedagogical issues.

This semester Ms Klarmann is attending my course “Language Teaching in Practice 3” that accompanies her third teaching practice in school. In this course students need to be able to combine and apply a variety of methods in order to plan and execute effective teaching sequences. Ms Klarmann’s contributions are always to the point, well planned and full of creative ideas.

On a personal level, I have experienced Ms. Klarmann as a very curious, open-minded young woman with excellent social skills. She has a very pleasant, outgoing personality and is very well-organized and highly responsible.

I can highly recommend Ms. Klarmann for any study-abroad program. She will be an asset to any course. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dr. Elisabeth Pölzleitner

