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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Bismarck State College, I would like to recommend Susie Vanderlip's program "Legacy of Hope" to those who are considering this program for their school or campus event.

Susie was selected as the keynote motivational speaker for our spring health initiative "A Healthy BSC Community." We were looking for a speaker that encompassed a variety of topics such as alcohol, drugs, mental health concerns, and stress. Susie was recommended to us as a speaker who would be able to relay all of those issues into a captivating and motivational performance. Her references are right! She is able to deliver a powerful performance that impacts her audience as a whole and as an individual.

The one and a half hour session was attended by BSC students, rural high school students, community members, and human service professionals. Our auditorium seats 465 people and it was packed. According to campus administrators it was the best attended Student Affairs program they can remember at our campus.

Comments received after the program included the following:

- "You could have heard a pin drop in that auditorium when she came on stage..."
- Provost & Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs
- "The students who attended from South Central High School liked the presentation!! She had great points to share! Thanks for inviting us!"
- South Central High School Counselor (Alternative High School)
- "In addition to the message, she was a great example of what can be done as an individual in dramatic theatre." - BSC Theatre Arts Instructor

- As the Counselor and substance abuse prevention coordinator on campus, I am pleased to say I hit the jackpot with Susie Vanderlip. She personalized her performance to the individual needs of our campus (specifically alcohol & marijuana abuse), created memorable characters that captivated the audience from the start, and was easy to work with from beginning to end. Susie's warm personality and strong professional standards facilitated the task of bringing her to our campus and promoting her performance. Susie arranged her own flights and provided us with "ready to use" posters and press releases to advertise the event.

It is important for me to note that your school will not only benefit from the prevention messages and motivational experience of Susie Vanderlip, but will also experience an incredible show of interpretive dance and theatre that you will not forget. We hope to bring Susie Vanderlip back to our campus in the near future and I recommend you make the decision to bring her to your school as well.

Sincerely,

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