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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Wendy Ruiz, I am student at Los Medanos College. I am currently working on my AST Degree for Child Development and an AS in Liberal Arts\Behavioral Science.

I met Janice Townsend my first week at LMC, she welcomed me to the school and her class. In the past 3 semesters I have learned immensely from her. The definition of learning is: knowledge acquired through experience, study or being taught. Ms. Townsend leads her classes in a way where learning happens in all of these ways. She invests so much of her physical, intellectual and emotional energy into her students and she is the reason I have managed to stay on course throughout these past semesters despite the difficulties and struggles I have encountered.

As a teacher Ms. Townsend always encourages those of us who are working towards becoming teachers to be proud and take our work seriously, to be professional in our efforts as students in order to become excellent teachers one day. She is willing to share her knowledge, experience and resources with her students and is truly an inspiration. She is patient, understanding and willing to work with students who are struggling in order for all of us produce high quality work.

I have witnessed times when Ms. Townsend has encouraged students who were wanting to give up, she has recognized student’s efforts and acknowledged their work and effort, she has comforted students who had to take a break from school to deal with personal matters. I believe that she makes an effort to make sure that every student she comes in contact with feels that they are valued and have something to contribute.

There are a number of students here at the college, that support my decision to nominate her and we would like to do whatever we can within our power to make sure she is considered for this award.

Thank you for considering Ms. Townsend as the recipient of this award.