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To whom it may concern,

When I first took my position as college advisor here at Boyd Anderson High School in 2015, I was told one of my many duties would be to establish community partnerships with local companies, businesses, and post-secondary institutions of higher education. I must admit that was daunting because relationship-building can be challenging. Please know, that building a relationship with Keiser University has been the opposite because they care about the students who attend their university, are an integral part of our community, and because of their community relations coordinator, Jacquelyn Krat.

Firstly, I have yet to meet a former student of mine who regretted making Keiser University their primary choice for their continued education. In particular, they inform me that academic and financial counseling are very accessible. I have a colleague who is pursuing her doctorate degree at Keiser University and she often reminds us of Keiser University's convenient location as well as the flexibility her courses offer her. I currently have students who have already made Keiser University their primary college choice and they are very excited about going to school right in their community. Parents are happy too because some aren't quite ready for their child to be "too far away" from them yet!

Lastly, working with Ms. Krat has greatly helped me help my students with their post-secondary choices. She schedules field trips with us so students can get a first-hand look and feel for the Commercial Boulevard campus, the university provides scholarships to make going there more affordable, and she and Ms. Fox-Sampson attend our college fairs and lunch-time events. Keiser University even gives first-time students an opportunity to take a class for free to help them get started as college students.

In closing, Keiser University is an integral part of our community because they have had a positive presence here for years. I am grateful for their support!

Sincerely,

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