



To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to offer my strongest recommendation for Samantha Hairston, who served as a Makerspace Technician at the ODU Innovation Lab during the Fall 2024 semester. During her internship, Samantha consistently demonstrated creativity, professionalism, and a remarkable ability to approach every task with enthusiasm and curiosity.

Samantha's creativity stood out in every project she took on. Whether assisting with youth programming, maintaining equipment, or developing new activities for community workshops, she approached challenges with an inventive mindset and a genuine eagerness to learn. She quickly became known as someone who could transform ideas into practical, hands-on experiences that engaged and inspired others.

In addition to her technical and creative strengths, Samantha possesses exceptional interpersonal skills. She worked seamlessly with her peers and visitors of all ages, making everyone feel welcome in the makerspace. Her calm, friendly demeanor and ability to explain complex concepts clearly made her an invaluable member of our team.

Samantha would be an asset to any organization that values initiative, creativity, and collaboration. She is a motivated and adaptable individual who thrives in dynamic environments, and I have no doubt she will continue to excel in any professional setting she pursues.

Please feel free to contact me at k1mccoy@odu.edu if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

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