Committee for Promotion Colorado Mountain College 107 Denison Placer Rd Breckenridge, CO 80424

Dear Promotion Committee Members.

I am honored to write this letter in support of Drew Mikita's promotion from Associate Professor to Professor at Colorado Mountain College (CMC). As a former student of Drew's and now a professional in the field of education, I can personally attest to his remarkable impact as an educator, mentor, and community advocate. Drew's dedication to his students and his commitment to the well-being of our mountain community make him an exceptional role model and an invaluable asset to CMC.

Drew was not only my psychology professor but also a trusted mentor who greatly influenced my career path. After completing my degree in Sustainability at CMC, I had the opportunity to open a nature-based preschool in Summit County, a project inspired by Drew's guidance and his commitment to community-oriented, real-world applications of learning. Drew brings psychology to life for his students, establishing meaningful connections that foster academic growth and personal resilience. He is known for going above and beyond in his role, providing mental health resources and creating an open, supportive environment where students feel valued and understood.

More than an instructor, Drew is a friend and confidant to his students and colleagues alike. Whether he's preparing meals to share, lending an ear, or offering words of encouragement, Drew constantly puts others first. His selfless spirit and warmth embody the mountain community values CMC strives to represent, making him an exemplary figure who positively impacts everyone around him. CMC is indeed fortunate to have a professor who is so attuned to the needs of his students and community.

I wholeheartedly support Drew Mikita's promotion to Professor and believe he will continue to serve CMC and Summit County with unwavering dedication. His passion, integrity, and generosity make him a perfect fit for this honor, and I am confident he will continue to elevate the CMC community for years to come.

Thank you for considering Drew for this well-deserved promotion.

Sincerely,

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