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<b>Letter of Introduction</b> <p>Kennell Winrow has been currently employed at Metro Technology Centers for over 21 years. She started in career tech as a classroom assistant and quickly became a part of the campus support Staff. She then became an instructor/coordinator after receiving her bachelor's degree. She went on to receive a Masters in Educational Leadership. She originally came from a counseling service that served the Oklahoma Mid- Del sub area of Oklahoma City. She also worked with foster students who were under state guardianship by devoting her personal time to tutoring for 3 years. She was a part of the human resource team at The Mid-Del Shelter and was designated as a Health and Safety Coordinator working to keep the company certified in Occupational Safety &amp; Health Administration, Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, and Juvenile Online Tracking System for 4 years. She assisted in writing policies using legal requirements for certification guidelines. She also worked in her church for over 10 years as a youth leader and financial specialist. As a leader in her church community, she provided avenues of educational growth opportunities for children in transition from high school to adulthood. She serves on the missionary team supporting families considered less fortunate creating avenues to help educate in financial literacy.</p> <p>Kennell's drive comes from being raised in a one-parent poverty household and was considered as a child left behind. With no one to guide her along the way, she had a lot of missed opportunities. Due to her personal experiences growing up, she wanted to have an impact on others in the same or similar situations.</p>

**Support**

Kennell Winrow is an individual with a passion for helping others. She will not only point you in the right direction, but will walk beside you until you get in the door. Kennell wanted to have more of an impact on students who she seen with potential that could possibly be overlooked. This desire led her to develop a Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) program to help young women transition to adulthood, while furthering their education. This program was implemented to assist in the statistics of no child left behind. The mostly minority female students in this shadow program gained an opportunity to be seen and heard. Students who struggled finding friends, or were quiet and unnoticed, were the best candidates for the program. These students were then combined with students who were already considered leaders. The LEAD program's participants helped raise money for children with cancer and assist in community service needs. The program also helped young women use their voice and instill confidence. The participants in the program were assisted in filling out scholarships and applying to attend colleges throughout the state. In the brief time of coordinating the LEAD program, we have had 93% of the young women pursue further education. In the years the LEAD program was implemented, we served 91 young women and brought in 12 mentors.

Kennell is now an advocate for individuals who have neurodivergent challenges. She currently works as a coordinator for Project Search, helping to bring awareness to the need for employment of individuals with neurodivergence and helping interns gain skills to be successful in employment. She visits places throughout various industries, seeking jobs that can fit the needs of interns who have shown that they are ready and willing to work. She keeps a professional relationship with each student and the families of previous years helping assist in adult transition by connecting with outside counseling services who can serve as life coaches to help with independency. She promotes awareness of community needs by attending business luncheons and creating a stage presence to advertise and promote the opportunities that Career Tech can offer for not only Neurodivergent students but individuals in impoverished communities by partnering with the downtown metropolitan library and local churches throughout the Oklahoma City Area. Kennell's Project Search Program is only allowed to have a maximum of 10 students per year with a current average of 8 students per year. Recent data show 100 percent job placement with 80 percent longevity. Kennell has had a lot of successes with students including SkillsUSA state competitions, where all students placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place in their areas of competition. Not limiting herself to the students in her program, she also volunteers her time to help in employment success for students at Trinity School, a school for neurodivergent secondary students. She makes it a goal to develop connections with those who support the students in their program, so that there is a team effort in the succession of each individual.

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