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To Whom It May Concern,

I have known Dr. Burton for two years and have interacted with her extensively in her capacity as a research advisor and mentor. During the course of this time, I have come to know Dr. Burton very well and can comment on some aspects of her role.

Dr. Burton is a committed, hard-working, and well-rounded teacher and advisor. Her dedication to her discipline in information systems and management is one that only those with a true passion can exhibit. However, this is also exemplified in her Christ-like character.

I came to know Dr. Burton following my freshman Core class. She was looking for a research assistant and while I am a psychology major, I was looking for research experience. After initial hesitation, I went to her office to find out more. Little did I know that the research would become a quest to seek out God's design for business structure and embody the definition of ACU's motto to equip students to make a real difference in the world. Throughout the next year and a half, she invested in me in ways that I am forever grateful. It has been a blessing to work under Dr. Burton as she uses her life to witness Christ in all she does.

Our research has been to identify the business structures that produce the most beneficial outcomes for men and women. This has evolved to the development of a scale to measure wealth beyond the financial definition, to include spiritual, emotional and social components. A patient and gentle advisor, Dr. Burton meets with me weekly to hold me accountable and provide guidance and resources. However, she is an excellent leader as she challenges me to think critically, teaching me rather to fish instead of feeding me fish. Her passion for truth is contagious and I am excited to see where the research takes us.

It is through personal investments that we make a difference in others. Dr. Burton genuinely cares about her work, about her students, and about me. She spurs us to think in Truth and in faith, which is only possible through a life in communion with God and His Word, and by serving with the mindset of Christ, faithfully using the abilities and resources He has bestowed upon us. It is by her example that I not only hope to live the mission of ACU to be in Christian service and leadership throughout the world upon graduation, but also am challenged to live already.

I personally have benefitted from working with Dr. Burton and sincerely hope that her efforts as a teacher and advisor will be rewarded.

Sincerely,

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Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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