

## Letter of Recommendation for Claire McDowell

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Ashlee Ducote, and I have spent the past 25 years coaching softball, including two years at the collegiate level and twenty-three years at the high school level. Throughout my career, I have coached hundreds of athletes and developed a clear understanding of the qualities required to succeed at the collegiate level — technically, mentally, and culturally. It is with full confidence that I am proud to write this letter of recommendation for Claire.

Claire is a primary first baseman who also plays third base with reliability and competitiveness. She is one of the hardest-working athletes in our program. Claire consistently seeks opportunities to improve not only on the field but in the classroom and the weightroom. She's consistently staying after practice for extra reps, putting in work on off-days, and approaching feedback with maturity and eagerness. Her coachability is exceptional, and she applies instruction immediately and intentionally.

Her resilience is one of her defining traits. Over the past year, Claire has demonstrated tremendous growth in both skill and leadership. She leads by example, setting a standard of consistency, discipline, and team-first mentality. Her presence elevates the athletes around her, and younger players naturally look to her for guidance.

Claire is the type of athlete every coach hopes to have: dependable, self-motivated, competitive, and deeply committed to her team. I am confident she will bring the same work ethic, character, and leadership to a college program. She is fully prepared for the demands of the next level and will be an asset both on the field and within any programs' team culture.

If you need any additional information, I would be glad to speak further about Claire and the qualities that make her such a strong candidate.

Sincerely,

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