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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to introduce to you, Ms. Laura Clanton, the Rudder High School nominee for Secondary Teacher of the Year. Laura is and has been a highly valued teaching member of our staff for the past six years. She teaches English I On-Level and Pre-AP. Ms. Clanton is, in my opinion, a truly gifted educator. She quickly develops good rapport with her students, establishes solid routines and employs consistent and fair practices in her classroom.

Ms. Clanton takes an active interest in the well-being of her students, through close and consistent contact with the parents in a very thorough and meaningful way. Her students respond well to her engaging approach to her subject and genuine interest in them, personally. She truly embodies the Essential 8-character traits on a daily basis, and her students have consistently made measurable gains.

As a colleague, Ms. Clanton is pleasant and cooperative. She has a delightful sense of humor and contributes innovative ideas to much of the staff, both professionally and socially. She is currently serving as the English Department Head, a member of the campus PBIS team, and a Mentor Coordinator for Rudder. She has the ability to wear and transition through all of these many "hats" with grace and ease. Ms. Clanton has helped to develop several phenomenal first year teachers within her Department, one of which who has been nominated as Rudder's Rookie Teacher of the Year.

It has been my pleasure to have worked with Ms. Clanton. She is a hardworking, well organized, committed teacher who has poured so much into our students. She truly has earned the respect of her students, their parents, her fellow colleagues, and the school administration.

As a former student, athlete, and graduate of Bryan ISD, Laura Clanton, is committed to the district's vision, mission and goal of "Children First. Always." She truly believes that a K-12 education will allow a child to unlock unlimited potential for success and will pay it forward for giving back to the community.

It is without hesitation that I recommend Ms. Laura Clanton, as the 2019-2020 Bryan ISD Secondary Teacher of the Year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

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