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It is a pleasure to submit a student recommendation letter for such an inspiring and devoted educator, Professor Ethan Pettengill. I have had the opportunity not only to be a student of Professor Pettengill's in high school, but assisted alongside him in undergraduate classes at the State University of New York at Cortland's campus. Professor Pettengill consistently models instructional leadership, character, and reliability that distinguish him as an exceptional lecturer and colleague within the Physical Education department at SUNY Cortland.

From my first-time meeting Professor Pettengill in high school, to currently crossing paths at the college level, his instruction combines enthusiasm with regulation. Within his lessons, Pettengill strives to encourage the creative minds of his students. He displays creativity by instructing new ways to teach traditional units and finds ways for his students to find enjoyment and success in every lesson. Additionally, Pettengill strives to build the next generation of teachers, outlining real-world examples and persuading students to think as teachers, fostering growth and professional mindsets in his students.

What sets Professor Pettengill apart is his devotion to creating strong student-to-teacher relationships. Throughout his lessons, you will see him always with a smile on his face, checking in on his students and giving consistent positive remarks. Professor Pettengill's empathy displays his character, allowing for communication at a personal and professional level, creating safe and supportive environments in all of his classes.

Professor Pettengill is reliable, professional, and displays enthusiasm like no other. He embodies the value of a physical educator and builds a strong foundation for the future of the field.

Sincerely,

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