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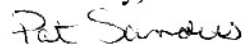
To Whom It May Concern:

I was a student in Joanne Tippett's Biology 4400 class at Dominican University in the Spring 2002 session and am writing this letter to express how much I learned from this course. Without having any previous education in environmental science, I was not sure what to expect. It did not take long before Joanne's great enthusiasm for her subject took root within my heart. She taught with a unique skill of personally connecting us to the lectures and text lessons. Before long, I found myself exploring various community environmental projects.

Our class met for research lessons on various field trips, which proved to be knowledgeable, as well as enjoyable. Joanne opened our eyes to a world we never knew or had just never taken the time to know. We not only learned about ways to enhance and sustain nature, but also how to work cooperatively on designated goals.

I grew up in New York City and somehow managed to spend most of my life completely unaware of the harmful effects our Earth has been enduring. Joanne Tippett enabled me to realize the role I have both as an inhabitant of Earth and to the children I will teach in the near future. She taught beyond the academic requirements of environmental science, by showing us how to incorporate it as a permanent part of everyday awareness. Joanne Tippett is a gifted teacher and an inspirational role model of how we all need to think about our Earth.

Sincerely,



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