

April 13, 2020
To Whom It May Concern

I first met Brea Jones in January, 2020, as a student in my course, in which I teach how to create digital content for publication purposes across multiple channels – website, e-Magazine, social media, YouTube channel, and e-Blasts. All of the students in my course learn by doing – by producing the content for *Inspicio*. *Inspicio* is an arts publication platform sponsored by The College of Communication, Architecture + The Arts (CARTA) at Florida International University (FIU). *Inspicio* provides high-quality, in-depth insights into all art disciplines with a focus on Miami and South Florida. *Inspicio* publishes video interviews and stories about prominent people in the arts, ranging from Pulitzer Prize recipients to U.S. Poet Laureates, to Academy Award winners, and more. SEE: <http://inspicio.fiu.edu/>

This spring semester, **Brea is far and away the BEST student in my class**. She completes every project ahead of schedule – video editing in Adobe Premiere, creating website pages in WordPress, creating social media videos, creating e-Magazine pages in Adobe InDesign, and writing stories.

She has completed many times more assignments than any other student – yet always asks for more. She has worked on a wide range of subjects – from Wolfsonian Museum founder “Micky” Wolfson, to eclectic artist/photographer Iké Udé, to Michael Spring (Director of the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs).

And despite her many accomplishments, Brea is quiet and unassuming. She never calls attention to herself or brags about her successes.

Brea’s interest in and knowledge of the arts has broadened and deepened during our course.

I am told that since 2017, Brea has been an active member of the FIU Student Media staff. Starting out as a writer and photographer, she has published over 20 articles and photographed several art exhibitions for *PantherNOW*, the FIU student newspaper. For the past three years she has worked as a receptionist in the Biscayne Bay Campus office. Brea has also worked as the Promotion and Recruitment Director since 2018.

Brea is proficient in the Adobe Creative Suite, Microsoft Office Suite, photography and videography. Brea is a hard worker with a lot of ambition. She seeks out opportunities that align with her career goals and succeeds in every assignment.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at 617-515-2311.

Raymond Elman
Inspicio, Founding Editor-in-Chief



To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Brea Jones. I have known Brea for the past year and a half where I serve as the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs at Florida International University (FIU). As Miami's first and only public research university, our university is worlds ahead in its service to the academic and local community. Designated as a top-tier research institution, FIU is dedicated to enriching the lives of the local and global community. With a student body of nearly 57,000, FIU is among the top 10 largest universities in the nation. Despite a very competitive student body, Brea stands out as a student who excels at everything she attempts.

As a student, Brea has been actively involved in and outside her major. Since 2017, Brea has been a member of our Student Media staff in the Division of Academic and Student Affairs at our Biscayne Bay campus. In 2017, she worked as a receptionist in our office and obtained the Promotions and Recruitment Director for our student newspaper this past year. For example, Brea is a skilled and dedicated journalism student who is skilled in photography, Adobe software systems, Microsoft Office suite, and iMovie software. Lastly, Brea is always on time to work, completes her assignments in an efficient and effective manner, and is always willing to lend a helping hand around the office.

As you can see from her resume and academic success, Brea is a star among some outstanding students. I want to emphasize that I have a lot of confidence in Brea as a student and individual. In my opinion, her highperformance level speaks volumes about her intelligence, commitment, maturity, and winning personality. I am always impressed on how Brea manages being involved, working part-time, and obtaining a competitive grade point average at the Florida International University.

It has been my pleasure knowing and working closely with Brea since I began working at Florida International University in 2017. Brea is a very hard-working individual who deserves every opportunity that comes her way. Her accomplishments make her a viable and deserving candidate for your scholarship program. If you have any other questions or concerns regarding her qualifications, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony DeSantis", written in a cursive style.

Anthony DeSantis, Ph.D.
Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs
Division of Student Affairs



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April 4, 2019

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It gives me pleasure to recommend Brea Jones.

When I met Brea in the spring of 2018, her seriousness of purpose impressed me. Fortright and no-nonsense, she applied for and got the job of recruitment director for the Biscayne Bay Campus. She attended orientations, addressed students in class, and interviewed applicants. Several of our most talented staff members owe their tenure to Brea's eye for talent. Many predecessors have shown more hesitation than Brea about reaching out to her peers.

In addition, Brea has revealed herself to be a compelling writer, publishing a weekly column addressing questions that concern students.

I have no doubt that Brea will succeed at whatever she puts her mind to. I recommend her without reservation.

Should you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best,

Alfred Soto

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February 28, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

I had the pleasure of teaching Brea Jones in second level Writing and Rhetoric and Introduction to Sociology in the Fall of 2017. I was particularly impressed by her intelligence and maturity. In addition to being one of the most well organized and dependable students I've taught, Brea is highly focused in her intellectual pursuits and driven toward attaining her career goals.

Brea is regularly involved with the media outlets of the institutions she attends. Currently, she's a staff writer for Florida International University's newspaper, Panther Press. In Writing and Rhetoric II, she completed original research on the place of journalism in today's world, investigating how burgeoning journalists can compete with, and succeed in, the current social media-dominated landscape of internet news. For her exemplary work on this project, Brea earned a perfect 100% in this course.

Brea has shown herself to be a well-rounded, achievement-oriented student who excels in her academic and pre-professional arenas. She's also a natural leader, committed to excellence and integrity in every area of her studies and burgeoning career. I have no doubt that within the next few years, I'll see the name "Brea Jones" in the byline of an article from a major news outlet. With her personal drive and keen intellect, I expect nothing less than success from Brea – in journalism, or any other path she ultimately chooses to follow.

If you have any further questions regarding my recommendation of Brea, please, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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