

## Office of Strategic Initiatives/Information Technology Services

## To Whom It May Concern:

It is my privilege to present this character reference for Kelly Rogers. While I have not had the pleasure working with Ms. Rogers, I have known Ms. Rogers socially for over six years and worked on a number of volunteer events with her. My area of expertise is Information Security and until my promotion last year, I was the CISO at the US Library of Congress since 2005.

Ms. Rogers is a problem solver who is very organized and prepared. I have seen her take charge of a daunting task at the last moment, and turn it from a disorganized crisis into a complete success. Reputations were secured that day by her quick thinking and ability to analyze the situation, formulate a plan, reorganize and take the lead.

An important characteristic in an Information Security Specialist is personal and professional integrity. Ms. Rogers demonstrates this. She treats everybody with equal courtesy, respect and regard; from the person doing the most menial chore to the Chairperson of The Board. She is honest and fair in her dealings with everyone, yet she has the tact to handle situations diplomatically without dissembling.

Moreover, Ms. Rogers is a dedicated and highly self-motivated individual. It's clear to anybody who pays attention to it that Kelly has a clear sense of purpose and intent. She aspires to be an Information Security Specialist and is doing the kinds of things to achieve that goal. For example, her exemplary coursework at DeVry University and maintaining her high standards by staying on the Dean's List every semester.

The Information Security field needs more individuals like Ms. Rogers. Her communications skills are perhaps her greatest assets. You can teach many people how to perform protocol analysis, but it is much harder to teach someone how to be pleasant. Ms. Rogers has the ability to communicate and has the patience to explain unfamiliar subjects.

Summarily, Kelly's combination of skills and abilities would be an asset to any business needing quality, value driven people; and I unconditionally recommend her for internship consideration.

Sincerely,

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