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Dear Dr. Black,

It is amazing how quickly time has passed since my visit to the Program in Occupational Therapy at University of Southern Maine at Lewiston. Over the past year, I have had numerous opportunities to correspond with students in the graduate entry program in occupational therapy at the University of Southern Maine. Needless to say, I have been very impressed by your students and the caliber of their work, and I am taking the liberty to share with a great deal of pleasure, this feedback with you and your faculty.

A number of graduate students at USM have taken the initiative to contact me in a genuine quest to know more about my work, as it relates to some aspect of their studies in occupational therapy. Their enquires always demonstrate a profound grasp of the material and an advanced level of critical thinking. I feel both challenged and inspired by your students, who are engaging, inquisitive, articulate, and always respectful and professional in demeanor. Being an educator, I know that such qualities are taught and fostered through thoughtfully designed curricula and outstanding faculty.

The graduate program in occupational therapy at the University of Southern Maine, Lewiston, is an exemplar of a progressive occupational therapy curriculum that brings together competence in the science and art of occupational therapy, with a commitment to social responsibility. I have had the opportunity of visiting and teaching in occupational therapy programs across 5 continents. Having visited your program and having worked with your students, I can say with confidence that your program at USM is stellar, and among the best in the world.

It has been a pleasure to work with your students, and I welcome every opportunity to interact with them in the future. Congratulations to you, and your faculty for building and delivering what is truly one of the leading graduate programs in occupational therapy.

Sincerely,



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