



May 16, 2000

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to write a letter of reference for Zelia Chueke, who just completed her D.M.A. in Piano Performance this semester. The official date of her graduation was May 12, 2000.

Dr. Chueke was a student in one class (Psychology of Music) with me, and I served on her doctoral committee. She was an excellent student in class and a motivated, independent worker on her doctoral essay. In short, she demonstrated high level scholarship both in class and in her work on the essay.

She also is an outstanding pianist. I have heard her perform on several occasions, and on each occasion was greatly impressed with both the technical and musical aspects of her performance.

During her tenure here she also served as a teaching assistant in our Department of Keyboard Performance. She taught both class piano and a number of private lessons. From all perspectives, she was an excellent and highly regarded teacher.

In summary, I believe Dr. Chueke will be an outstanding candidate for a position as a faculty member in a college or university department of music. She has my highest, unqualified recommendation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. David Boyle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

J. David Boyle  
Associate Dean