

**MICHIGAN STATE**  
**U N I V E R S I T Y**

Re: Letter of Recommendation for Bella Johnson  
December 11, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a tenured faculty member at the School of Journalism. In my previous life, I was a nationally award-winning investigative news/sports reporter at the Detroit Free Press.

I am highly critical. I understand what it takes to make it in one of this country's most competitive careers.....and Bella Johnson is truly cream of the crop. She is all passion, determination, and work ethic.

People are impressed by Bella the moment they meet her. She is one of those students who makes it look easy, juggling all her responsibilities. Because of her passion and determination, I believe Bella will go on to an extremely successful career -- the kind of career that will find her visiting us in the near future as one of MSU's Distinguished Alums. I AM SURE OF IT.

Bella does not do anything halfway. And best of all, if you set her up with an opportunity, she makes the most of it...and makes you glad you made the phone call or sent the email. She just gets it and makes me proud every single day.

As sports editor at The State News, Bella has mentored many young reporters and guided coverage -- though these have been really difficult, dark days here at Michigan State. From the moment Bella walked onto campus, she has been all about getting things done in the best possible way.

Bella is a go-getter who lets nothing stand in her way. She pours her heart and soul into every endeavor and ALWAYS has a smile on her face.

I am honored to submit this letter of recommendation. Please call my cell if I can answer any other questions (248-894-5518). Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

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