



Project G.E.M.  
Growth  
Experience  
Motivation

631 320th Ave.  
Pemberton, MN 56078

(507) 726-6047

Web site: [projectgemMN.org](http://projectgemMN.org)  
[gem7773@mchsi.com](mailto:gem7773@mchsi.com)

Oct. 17, 2014

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this letter on behalf of an on-going partnership our non-profit out-reach program, Project GEM has with a professor, Dr. Elizabeth Sandell from the Education Dept. at Mankato State University.

One special area of interest regards Dr. Sandell's class in which she provides the Annual Mankato American Indian traditional Powwow with service-learning students the past several years. Since 1993, I have been the Volunteer/Service-learning Coordinator for this event. Her dedication and passion for service-learning focuses on high-impact practices for the students during the fall semester school term. She firmly believes that including relevant native perspectives will help the College of Education produce graduates with:

1. Increased adaptability
2. Reduced stereotyping
3. Increased understanding of other cultures
4. Increased preparedness for multicultural public schools
5. Enhanced global-mindedness

Dr. Sandell is admired by her students because she truly believes in what she teaches to them. She has supported Project GEM through the years and has provided a number of students to complete their service-learning hours. Since the onset of our partnership, over 150 students have completed more than 2,700+ hours for the Mankato Powwow and our program combined. I admire and support Dr. Sandell's professional service-learning dedication to her students for the Greater Mankato community.

Respectively,

Project GEM  
Alice De Yonge, Program Dir.  
507-726-6047  
[gem7773@mchsi.com](mailto:gem7773@mchsi.com)  
Website: [projectgemMN.org](http://projectgemMN.org)