

To whom it may concern,

My name is Alexander Brooks and I am writing to express my interest in mentoring Kaitlyn throughout the difficult process she is embarking on. I believe that my experience both personally and professionally have prepared me well for success with this in a number of ways.

At the age of 17 I became homeless. I had no direction in my life; no education, and nothing to my name. For four years I slept on the streets of Seattle. Sometimes in a car sometimes in the park. Both my mother and younger brother were also homeless during that time. I was too focused on living day to day that I couldn't begin to imagine what tomorrow or the next week would look like. That was until I met someone who made me realize that I could change my situation and pursue a career that had meaning. It was then that I knew I wanted to help people. Through Facing Homelessness, I was connected with my community and was able to have my EMT education completely paid for. This started a snowball effect and I was soon able to find housing and a full-time job with an ambulance company where I worked for four years. Today, I am Seattle firefighter doing my dream job and living a life I never thought possible, but always dreamed of.

Coming from a background in firefighting and EMS, I have great experience working within the community I live in. I have been given the opportunity to work in a big city with a large homeless population. This has given me the privilege of serving with and for an incredibly diverse population and has given me a strong foundation of teamwork. I am able to bridge a gap that exists between those struggling with homelessness because I have experienced it firsthand. This experience will go a long way for Kaitlyn and our team.

I am a hard-working individual with a strong moral compass and I strive to succeed in any and all of my endeavors. I aspire to work in an environment that allows me to help others and give back to the community the best way that I know how. It is part of my life's mission to be a light for others and to show that you can do anything with a little help. It all starts with community.

Best Regards,

Alexander Brooks