

November 9, 2015

Dear members of the scholarship committee,

I am writing on behalf of Oksana Ponomarova, a recent student of mine here at Temple University.

I first met Ms. Ponomarova during the spring 2015 semester when she was enrolled in my Journalism & Society class. It's hard to get to know students in that class because there are usually more than 150 of them but Ms. Ponomarova made herself known early and often. She regularly hit me with questions about class discussions after classes.

That semester, which was her first at Temple, she immediately became involved in student media on campus. Within weeks of the semester starting, Ms. Ponomarova was anchoring the Update Now segment in English and Spanish (for Update Ahora).

Ms. Ponomarova is exactly the kind of student we want at Temple. She is smart and aggressive, firmly pursuing her career goals and taking advantage of everything the university has to offer. In less than a year, she has burned through our journalism department offerings, including classes during both summer sessions. She is clearly technically savvy, with the ability to report and produce her own video packages.

She still has much to learn and I hope that she continues working as hard as she does.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions – gwm3@temple.edu or 215/ 313-3181.

Sincerely,

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