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Dear Sir or Madam:

Kathryn Farley has been a Participant in Preparing Future Faculty (PFF), a program that provides training for the academic profession and prepares graduate students for the challenges and rewards of an academic career.

PFF includes leading faculty from Northwestern and from four cluster institutions: Chicago State University, a public urban university; Lake Forest College, a private four-year liberal arts institution; Northeastern Illinois University, a comprehensive, commuter institution; and Oakton Community College. Participants in PFF visit each of the cluster institutions, where they engage in workshops and seminars that foster understanding of different student bodies and learning environments. The program emphasizes ways to create courses and curricula that reflect current scholarship and address the needs of students.

PFF also enhances doctoral students' knowledge about their chosen career. Participants in the program are exposed to the values and concepts that support the profession, and they confront issues that currently challenge academia. Through a year-long colloquium series, Participants study and discuss topics such as academic freedom, governance and collective bargaining, ethics, multiculturalism, and professional conduct. Participants also increase their familiarity with faculty non-teaching responsibilities, including academic advising and community service, and are presented with strategies for balancing those commitments with teaching and research. They are thus poised to take active roles as faculty members in a variety of academic settings.

Northwestern University established PFF with a major award from a national program administered by the Council of Graduate Schools and the American Association of Colleges and Universities and sponsored by The Pew Charitable Trusts. For more information, please feel free to contact me at 847-491-3171.

Sincerely,

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