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To Whom It May Concern,

It is my privilege to nominate Keri Carstens as a "Meredith Emerging Woman of Influence".

Keri is best described as a 'professional dynamo' and upon reflection of her credentials, it is easy to see why. She not only is exceptionally talented in her technical field, she works tirelessly on scientific outreach and influence. Her involvement with multi-stakeholder professional groups and associations as a leader and influencer speaks to her commitment to her profession and to agriculture. She is a sought-after speaker, consultant and active in peer-reviewed journals which all speak to her high level of technical acumen and professionalism. But her commitment doesn't stop with technical influence. You are just as likely to see Keri working with youth and women at schools, through organizations like Chrysallis, 4-H and Iowa State, and investing sweat equity in events like the Earth Day 'Trash Bash'. She is passionate about education, advocacy, scientific literacy and supporting women in the field of agriculture. Keri is a bright and rising star in our community!

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further discussion at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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