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Career Development Center
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To Whom this May Concern,

I am writing this letter in **strong** support of Mr. Patrick McGrath. Please add this to his employment/career file in the Career Development Center, University at Albany. I had the pleasure having Patrick in my fall 2009 section of INF 100X. Interestingly, he was one of the back row “front row” students who eagerly participated in class discussions and assignments; he paid close attention to the course materials, and was a leader for other students. Mr. McGrath excels in all of the course work has excellent interpersonal and communication skills and is highly motivated, conscientious, and energetic. Even though he outperforms most of his cohorts, he is modest about his intellectual talent and encourages other classmates to engage in academic conversation. From this experience, I am confident that Mr. McGrath will do extremely well in any academic or professional engagement he pursues.

The INF100x course requires students to complete a fair amount of work. At the end of the semester students will have completed sixteen homework assignments, an annotated bibliography, in-class work, six quizzes, and two exams. Mr. McGrath continuously turned in outstanding work; he was productive, diligent, and attentive. He was a wonderful addition to the classroom setting since he enthusiastically and regularly brought up intelligent ideas and thoughts to class discussions. As I noted above, Patrick sat in the back of the class. Often students who self-select those seats are not as attentive as those in the front of the class; in Patrick’s case this was not true. In addition, since he was so engaged in the course dynamics, his contributions to class conversations sparked those around him to pay closer attention to the course material.

I learned much about Mr. McGrath since he was a frequent visitor at office hours and during my

Reference Desk hours. As a returning student he brought real life experience to his academic pursuits. From this I discovered that he has a strong familiarity and understanding of information technology. In my discussions with Mr. McGrath about why he was interested in information studies, he stated that he truly appreciates many aspects of information technology. In addition, he noted his interest in helping other individuals learn how to effectively use technology. Since my office is located in a busy section of the University Library, I frequently witness students interacting with one another. This is particularly true with group projects. From my observations, he has been a wonderful peer to his fellow students and they often turn to him for assistance. He has a wonderful attitude, is respectful, and is truly interested in academics, and is eager to share this passion and knowledge with others.

I believe that Mr. McGrath will perform well in future academic and career endeavors. He is highly professional and very capable of any position in information science. If you have any further questions or need additional input please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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