

To Whom It May Concern:

Elton N. Richards was my student teacher this past fall at La Jolla High School. As my student teacher, he taught Art 1 to students in grades 9-12. The classroom environment in which he taught was diversified culturally and students ranged in ability level as well.

Elton demonstrated responsibility, knowledge of subject and a high regard for his students. Over the period of the semester, he demonstrated growth in the areas of lesson planning, timing of lessons, and student assessment. He maintained good classroom control while inspiring students to do their best. Elton used his technological background and knowledge of sophisticated digital media software to create colorful and innovative presentations.

Elton was very open to feedback and recommendations I made as a master teacher. He works very well in a team. As a teacher he brings a commitment to serve the needs of all students. The students genuinely reacted positively to his management style. Students were encouraged to seek additional outside help when needed and he set hours in which to accommodate them.

His background in many ways is a blend of old and new in that he brings a contemporary knowledge of art and computers integrating these skills with traditional forms of art. Given an opportunity to excel in his own classroom, I am confident that his students will benefit enormously.

Although Elton is essentially just completing his student teaching, his experience with students extends beyond his most recent placement at LJHS. Working with students struggling with learning disabilities through previous employment, creates an additional backdrop of experience unlike that of a student fresh out of college.

I sincerely hope you will consider Elton as a candidate for employment. He will be a valuable asset to your school environment as he motivates and encourages students to achieve and succeed. Should you have additional questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Carol A. Shamrock