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To Whom It May Concern:

This is a letter of recommendation for Nathan Richards as a teacher. Mr. Richards was my student teacher for the fall semester of 2007. He did an excellent job of teaching two sections of Computer Graphics and Web Design. Students in his classes learned Photoshop, Illustrator, and web authoring with Dreamweaver and html. He is well organized, and enthusiastic about his subject matter. He has good class management skills and was creative in the delivery of the instruction. He was able to use a variety of technology tools in his instructional presentations, monitoring of student practice and evaluating of students.

Mr. Richards demonstrated good rapport with the students and other staff members. He was particularly successful when monitoring student practice while they were working on the assignments at the computer. He could easily move throughout the room, assisting students with their work. He was able to adapt to different learning styles and often had students actively involved in the presentation of the material.

Also of note, Mr. Richards was able to use a web authoring tool, Moodle, for publishing the assignments online, as well as collecting and grading student work. Mr. Richards took advantage of the more advanced features of Moodle as well, using online questionnaires, and a wiki (for an editable student test review).

I believe Mr. Richards will be a valuable asset to the staff of any school. He was able to demonstrate mastery of the variety of skills required to be a good teacher.

Sincerely,



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