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To whom it may concern:

You have undoubtedly read numerous letters of recommendation describing the amazing achievements of quality applicants to your program, but I would say that Mark Valeri stands out amongst all the rest. Mark is an individual filled with self-discipline and self-determination to his core.

My initial contact with Mark was as a volunteer working as a technical assistant during a theatre production at the State College of Florida. It was a joy when Mark's love of theatre later brought him back and he was awarded scholarship in the State College of Florida's Theatre Program. Mark immediately poured his heart and soul into all aspects of theatre. He would spend hours in the theatre as a stage technician and volunteer. By these means, he was able to begin honing his skills as a theatre assistant and stagehand. Always eager to learn, it was a joy to have Mark around. His sense of humor always brought light to the cloudiest of days. He was a constant inspiration to both students and staff, making him a key element to the mood of an entire show.

Later, Mark moved on to bigger tasks and became a team leader, helping others build set pieces, managing work areas and keeping them clean and tidy. Mark even became entrusted with running technical aspects during theatre productions. While he was always happy to help where needed, Mark found a special place in running projections during shows. Awaiting cues to be called Mark was responsible time and time again for making sure the right words and images displayed on stage at the right moment. His duties in that regard also consisted of maintaining care of equipment and testing computers and cables before each show to make sure they were functioning properly.

Mark's ability to work with others and to learn quickly made him an invaluable member of the program. Whether it was coming in on a day off or battling the weather to make sure publicity posters got hung up in time, Mark was always willing to step forward and make sure he did his best to help where he was needed. This stemmed further than the program, and into his career at the State College of Florida. Through it all, Mark maintained his grades, and helped support the overall college atmosphere one friend at a time.

It is without any hesitation that I recommend Mark Valeri. He is a leader, a scholar, and a wonderful example of what our community holds most valuable.

Sincerely,



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