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It is with pleasure that I reviewed Rebecca Elinich's portfolio. I found it complete. I like how she outlines her courses week by week with their goals and tasks. This framework helps students meet deadlines, but the flexibility allows them to juggle school and work.

I enjoy brainstorming with Rebecca on different ways to liven up my class and use screens in order to expand the classroom. I really admire how she is able to teach in a flexible setting during snow days and can restructure her evening classes to accommodate icy roads and distance learning.

I like how Rebecca is able to maintain high standards in her classroom. She doesn't accept the "my computer crashed" as an excuse for not having work done, nor should she. Industry demands backing up files and meeting deadlines and she designs her classes in order to set her students up for success in their chosen career.

I have enjoyed my conversations with Rebecca about the importance of a well-rounded education for computer programmers and gamers. It is important to study psychology to create real characters. It is important to study physics in order to move the light sabers / weapons realistically. It is important to study mathematics in order to do the physics! Lastly, it is important to see people as people in order to create real characters, not stereotypes, in your games. This means that the female characters need full armor when going into battle, just like the male characters.

Rebecca has expressed interest in participating in the Leadership Development Institute (LDI) in the years to come and I hope she has the opportunity and time to make that happen. She is a devoted professor who would benefit from additional skills outside of content expertise, as would all of us. She has the potential to be an excellent department chair and I fully support her in this new endeavor.

I am fortunate to have Rebecca Elinich as a colleague at North Campus. She brings enthusiasm and energy for new ideas and methods to the college.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Senkowicz, Math Department