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Dr. Thomas—

Having observed her classroom last semester, I was delighted to also be asked to review Rebecca Elinich's portfolio. She has very quickly integrated herself into the fabric of the College, taking on huge tasks with industrious enthusiasm.

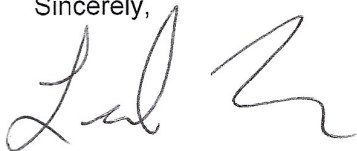
Before delving into her courses, it's clear that Rebecca has already made a major impact on the College, from her work building the MMC curriculum to developing the Innovation Lab to her assessment work for Middle States. And if that weren't enough, she has also worked with Achieving the Dream, Strategic Enrollment, and served as an advisor for North Campus's vibrant Geek Culture Club. The depth and variety of her service to the college demonstrate her commitment to the school and her students across the board.

In the classroom, Rebecca is a competent instructor who pushes her students to perfect technical skills without losing sight of the critical thinking that game design demands. I love that she makes students play games, but then asks them to reflect critically on their experience. This use of lived experience in the classroom really helps students understand the field while building skills that encourage lifelong learning. Her classroom is orderly, and her syllabi present the type of clearly organized structure that lends itself to creativity and exploration.

Additionally, Rebecca demonstrates intellectual curiosity and adaptability that will serve her well as she moves forward. She thoughtfully responded to her Surveys of Student Opinion, demonstrating clear use of the assessment tool. Additionally, she is actively involved in the field outside of the school while she finishes her dissertation. All of this proves that she is adaptable and acutely self-reflexive, two qualities that will serve her throughout her career as an educator.

Honestly, I don't know what we did without Rebecca. Her excellence in the classroom, caring commitment to student success, and tireless work for the College are indispensable. But beyond that, she demonstrates a critical eye, adaptability, and joy in her work that will help her as she continues her work here at CCAC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Luke Niebler', with a stylized, flowing script.

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