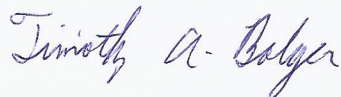


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To Whom It May Concern:

This past semester I had the pleasure of having Clayton Thomas in my discussion section for Bio 119, a cellular and developmental biology course. Clayton proved to be a fine asset to the section. Clayton was an active participant in every section, such that he was among the most vocal of his classmates, but without dominating discussions in a negative manner. He was enthusiastic about contributing to answers, and seemed unafraid to ask questions. I believe this stemmed from a genuine interest in the subject matter, and a desire to truly understand the material, not just to memorize what was necessary for a good grade. Clayton always seemed to be prepared for section, putting in the time necessary to do so. Bio 119 is a difficult class that introduces students to the principles of a number of biochemical, cellular, and developmental biology laboratory techniques, many of which the students have not been exposed to previously. It also forces students to do substantial problem solving with these techniques. I could see that Clayton was committed to improving throughout the semester, and he was able to substantially increase his scores on each successive exam. This demonstrates both his work ethic and his ability to adapt to meet a challenge. I have also found Clayton to be a very personable individual who others would find an enjoyable coworker. Looking at his extensive record of success and involvement in high school and college, I think he would be a valuable member of any team of which he was a part.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Timothy A. Bolger". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'T' and 'B'.

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