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Recommendation for Clayton Thomas

Clayton Thomas was a student in my second-semester calculus class in the spring of 2004. Clayton did excellent academic work in that class; in fact he finished near the top of my two classes of 65 students. He was a pleasant, supportive, and cooperative member of the teams on which he participated. He maintained a positive, enthusiastic attitude about his work, which he always did well and on time. Because of our lab setting wherein students work in teams and write reports, I was able to observe Clayton working with others, and I was able to see firsthand his ability to write. Not only was his written work consistently very good, but he was often the catalyst for useful discussion in the labs. He always worked well with his classmates, and he provided an added enthusiasm to his entire lab group.

Clayton demonstrated his excellent mathematical abilities and his talent for working with others. I am confident that he will continue to apply his intellect and esprit de corps in his future work, and I recommend that you give him strong consideration for a position.

Sincerely,



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