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To Whom It May Concern:

This comes in support of the job applications of the student Clayton Thomas. Clayton was a student of mine in Advance Conversational Spanish at Duke University in the fall of 2003 and I enjoyed having him in my class. During the time I had him as a student, Clayton proved to be a responsible, intelligent, and capable student with a genuine interest in learning more about other peoples and cultures. He is a very eloquent and articulate young man with great skills to succeed in any task he undertakes.

Clayton also has a very pleasant personality that allows him to work comfortably as part of a team and with diverse people. He is a serious and dedicated person and his friendliness and positive attitude make him a very likable person as well as a person with great leadership skills. He is very enthusiastic about his course of studies and very interested in becoming quite competent in his field.

I believe Clayton has the flexibility and knowledge required to excel in any working environment and I am sure that he is prepared, personally and intellectually, to perform the tasks that a job will demand of him; therefore, I recommend him with no reservations.

If I can be of further assistance, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

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