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To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to submit this letter of recommendation on behalf of Mr. Jack Agnew.

I have had the honor and pleasure of instructing Mr. Agnew as an undergraduate student in my Broadcast class – TV News Practicum, which is also known as “Pitt to the Point” ([www.pitttothepoint.com](http://www.pitttothepoint.com)). I have known Mr. Agnew for one (1) year.

Mr. Agnew is an exceptional student, who demonstrates an advanced understanding of every aspect of broadcasting, production, and journalism. Mr. Agnew also demonstrates an expertise in audio production, story writing, producing, editing, camera work, formatting, copy writing, screenwriting, reporting, professional use of social media, and reporting. Mr. Agnew’s maturity and knowledge are evident in his approach to broadcasting and his preparation for assignments both in the classroom, as well as with business professionals.

Mr. Agnew is a standout student in my Broadcast class – TV News Practicum. This is a very demanding, high-level course, which requires students to produce a live 1-hour news/magazine program. The program is streamed on the University of Pittsburgh website and airs on KDKA’s (CBS affiliate) CBSN streaming platform.

Mr. Agnew is a leader in the class, serving as “Pitt to the Point’s audio producer, graphics producer, digital content producer, and Business & Technology Reporter. Mr. Agnew is responsible for copy writing in various news disciplines, editing, coordinating and setting up all audio, camera use, WordPress, AP style writing, and interviewing.

He has always exuded professionalism and is highly respected by his peers. Mr. Agnew’ ability to embrace any challenge and delve into extensive research are two of his many strong suits. He continually demonstrates his exceptional communicative skills and teamwork.

Mr. Agnew has several outstanding talents, which includes a true passion for broadcasting and film production, an eagerness to not only participate but also learn, and a tremendous sense of responsibility. Mr. Agnew is very committed to his goals. He is self-motivated and willing to extend himself to learning, as well as assisting others. His passion for Pitt to the Point TV show is evident on a daily basis. He is committed and driven to always go above and beyond to make the each show an unmitigated success.

Having had the honor of instructing and working with Mr. Agnew at the University of Pittsburgh, I am confident he will exceed his educational and professional goals in the field of production, broadcasting and film.

To that end, I would like to give my highest recommendation for Mr. Jack Agnew.

Sincerely,

**Kevin M. Smith**

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