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Dear Sir or Madame:

I am honored to write this letter on behalf of my work experience with Mr. Logan Rath. As an undergraduate student at The College at Brockport I had the privilege of first meeting Logan as an Elementary Education Major. Logan was a frequent guest speaker throughout my senior coursework sharing his knowledge of literacy and its impact in the classroom for both students and teachers. As soon as Logan began to speak, his wisdom and natural ability to incorporate humor allowed me and my peers to immediately make meaningful connections to Logan and his presentation.

It wasn't until I began my graduate coursework for the Literacy B12 Program at The College at Brockport that I was able to develop a wonderful professional relationship with Logan. As a mother, wife and classroom teacher, when faced with the challenge of developing my graduate thesis; the task was initially overwhelming and appeared to be more complex than what I would be able to handle. Recalling the elaborate detail and thoughtful presentations that I had seen Logan present during my undergraduate studies, I immediately knew that I should seek out his support and guidance. Logan helped me to formulate a plan of organization and provided me with valuable resource tools to allow me to navigate through the multiple tasks that I would encounter throughout the composition of my thesis. The mountainous task that stood before although covered with vines and slippery slopes of difficulty now seemed manageable thanks to the knowledge and kindness of Logan.

I was thrilled when I realized that I would have the opportunity to work with Logan again as a graduate student in EDI 729. Logan as the instructor made an evening class for a group of new-hire teachers engaging and purposeful. The conversations my classmates and I encountered each week focused on critical multiliteracies and the significance of technology in the classroom. As an Afro-Latina woman, I found my experience in EDI 729 to be the most profound. In this class I felt that Logan gave all students a voice and allowed me to feel safe and welcome to express my experiences as a woman of color and to make connections to the content that were real and authentic. For this experience I will forever be grateful. Logan helped me to foster my beliefs as a fourth grade teacher in the importance of providing a space for each student to feel valued and to share their voice.

It is with deepest sincerity that I provide my recommendation and support for Logan Rath. The impact that his knowledge and passion for education has had on my personal and professional life has helped me to become the teacher that I am today. Please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

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