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To Whom It May Concern:

This is a letter of recommendation for Ryan Lundell.

I have known Ryan for about a year and in that time I have noted several qualities, which I believe, would serve him well in any endeavor. First, he is a very respectful young man. This is shown in the manner in which he has addressed me and other students. Second, he is a man who has shown integrity and responsibility in his work.

Ryan was a student of mine in Senior Aircraft Design (Capstone) this past year. He has been consistently one of the best students. Over the course of that year, he worked principally as Chief Engineer (both Spring and Fall of 23) for his team. Throughout both semesters his work was excellent. In particular, Ryan did excellent work in the area of manufacturing for his team. At one point, it appeared his team might not have a chance to complete the construction of their Flight Test Article (FTA) for Detail aircraft design. The primary issue was the lack of a proper mold for the creation of the composite lap-up for their fuselage (due to the failings of an on-campus 3D-printing lab). Ryan took it upon himself to solve the problem by working with the 3D-printing lab and, ultimately, the mold was produced. I have no doubt the team's FTA would have never been completed without Ryan's hard work and initiative.

Given his consistent qualities of hard work and attention to detail, I believe Ryan will thrive in whatever task he is assigned. I believe he will be a credit to any company or institution of which he is involved.

Sincerely,

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