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To Whom it May Concern

Re: Letter of Recommendation for Robert Laurie

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Dear Sirs/Madams:

I am writing this letter of recommendation to support the employment application of Mr. Robert Laurie. I have known Robert since Fall 2006 when I was transferred into the Business Department at Northern Marianas College from the Small Business Development Center. One year later, I became the Business Department Chair and served as such until December 2008, when I retired from Northern Marianas College. I currently serve as Branch Manager for StayWell Insurance Company in the U. S. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

Robert was an excellent Computer Science instructor with the ability to teach difficult computer courses. Robert taught courses covering a wider range of content in computer technology that included: Web Site Design, C++ Programming, Java Programming, Introduction to Programming using JavaScript, Microsoft Office, and Keyboarding at Northern Marianas College. Students had a high regard for his knowledge and professionalism. In addition to teaching courses, Robert volunteered to serve on several College committees, served as the advisor for students pursuing a Computer Applications certificate or degree, participated in extensive course, program, and institutional review and assessment, and created and revised course guides. After only one semester at NMC, he took the initiative to develop a Computer Curriculum Reform Plan to update all of the computer courses in the Computer Applications degree program. During his second semester at the College, he began to utilize Moodle, an open-source course management system, to teach his classes by hosting the material on his personal web site for the students' benefit. In his second year at the College, he developed two instructional computer labs that utilized disk imaging to ensure that all software was equivalent on student computers, which greatly improved the reliability of instructional computer laboratories. Robert also contributed to the NMC Information Technology Plan and wrote the strategic goals and objectives for developing a distance education program at the College.

Overall, Mr. Robert Laurie is a very conscientious and dedicated educator. His service to the College for three years was exemplary. Without any reservations I can recommend Mr. Laurie as a faculty member or information systems specialist for your organization. If you need additional information please feel free to contact me at (670) 323-4260 or by email at ericplinske@yahoo.com.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Eric L. Plinske", written over a horizontal line.

Eric L. Plinske
Branch Manager