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Re: Letter of Recommendation for Robert Laurie

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter of recommendation to support the employment application of Mr. Robert Laurie. I have known Robert since Fall 2003 when he was my professor at University of Guam during the academic year 2003-2004. I enrolled in CS202 Programming 2 and CS315 Database Design courses. He was an excellent Computer Science instructor with the ability to teach difficult course content in an easily assimilated matter. He does this using his own code examples utilizing PowerPoint and his web site. At the time I was a Network Specialist at Northern Marianas College and was sent to University of Guam to obtain my Computer Information Systems degree.

I persuaded Robert to consider a career teaching computer classes at Northern Marianas College at Saipan in the Northern Marianas Islands which he began in August 2005. Robert taught courses covering Web Site Design, C++ Programming, Java Programming, Introduction to Programming using JavaScript, Microsoft Office, and Keyboarding. Students regarded him as a very knowledgeable and professional. He did far more than just teach as an instructor. After one semester he created a Computer Curriculum Reform Plan for updating our courses and degree programs. His second semester at the college he began to utilize Moodle to teach his classes which he hosted on his personal web site and continued to use to this day. The second year at the college he developed two instructional computer labs that utilized disk imaging to ensure all software was equivalent on student computers and greatly improved the reliability of instructional computer laboratories. In addition to teaching a full load of classes the third year he did the program review and assessment of the computer programs at the college. He also contributed to the Information Technology Plan and wrote the strategic goals and objectives for developing a distance education program at the college.

I became the IT Director at Northern Marianas College in 1997 through Robert's encouragement. I was hoping he would join our IT team and help us develop the learning technology infrastructure to support distance education.

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.

If you need additional information please feel free to contact me at (670) 234-5498 ext. 1833 or by email at AdrianA@nmcnet.edu

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adrian Atalig". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Adrian" and last name "Atalig" clearly distinguishable.

Adrian Atalig, Director of Information Technology