



To Whom It May Concern,

Rebecca Klassen has asked me for a letter of recommendation and I am delighted to write this letter on her behalf.

I have known Rebecca as a colleague and part time instructor for Spanish and French in the Modern Languages department for approximately 3 years. I have always been impressed with Rebecca's pleasant personality, energy and great rapport with her colleagues and students. As a Spanish and French instructor, Rebecca's student evaluations have always been consistently strong and among the highest for all faculty members in the Modern Languages department. Rebecca's strong evaluations are probably the best evidence of her passion for teaching and sincere interest in providing students with the best possible learning experience. As the Modern Languages coordinator over the years I have been able to observe several of Rebecca's classes and can honestly say that I have been very pleased with the high level of interaction and focus on oral language proficiency. It has also been evident to me that she has a great rapport with her students that want to continue with her on to the next language level.

Rebecca's genuine interest in her students has also been clear to me even beyond the classroom as she is always willing to take time out of her busy schedule to share her passion for language teaching by creating opportunities for students to learn and practice the language outside of the classroom. One of Rebecca's most successful creations has been the "Mesa Española- a forum outside of the classroom that students can attend and practice the Spanish language and experience the Hispanic culture in an informal setting.

Over the last three years, Rebecca has not only served as an instructor in the Modern Languages department, but has also served as a part time instructor in the CEPAS (ESOL) program and from talking to other colleagues and students she has been one of the most charismatic and approachable instructors in that department as well. It is remarkable that despite all of her responsibilities, Rebecca continues to exhibit a strong work ethic and continues to deliver at a very high level.

I write this letter with apprehension because I have made several attempts to hire Rebecca in a more permanent basis but I have not been successful in doing so due to various institutional budget constraints. However, I understand her desire to find a more permanent position where she can continue to invest her energy and deep passion for teaching and helping students.

I would like to give my strongest recommendation to Rebecca Klassen who is truly a great teacher and colleague. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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