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To whom it may concern:

I am writing on behalf of Uyen Tran regarding the positions of teaching assistant and tutor. I had the pleasure of working with Uyen when she was my teaching assistant in the Fall Semester of 2013 for an introductory economics course. I observed the impact she made on countless students. Her professionalism, commitment, and passion are commendable. When Uyen takes on a task, the outcome always exceeds expectations.

Uyen possesses the natural talent to lead others, but most importantly, she works very hard at succeeding at this endeavor. She quickly earns the respect of her peers and the students with which she works, while her mature demeanor far surpasses that of her peers. Her professionalism in the classroom matches the leading professors at the University. She arrived promptly with an explicit outline of the day's schedule, but the students preceded the agenda. No matter the question, the student was the focal point of the section. I commend her ability to not just – as many high school teachers say – “teach to a test.” A student's knowledge was to understand the material as it was applicable to the world not just the professor's examination. Understanding went beyond the simply “find this point and this is the answer because someone says it is.”

Furthermore, her office hours were a time for casual conversation or determined work. She effectually manages both situations as an instructor and someone with whom you can simply sit down and have a colloquial conversation. Her role as an instructor is versatile and fills several capacities as a leader, role model, instructor, and friend.

Uyen is always striving to improve. No matter how minute the detail, she consistently seeks to eliminate any potential discrepancies in her instructing abilities. For example, she took the initiative one class to record herself as a means of self-improvement. Her passion and commitment is evident. I saw her enter every class eager and prepared, yet by no means did that occur only in the classroom setting. Beyond the classroom she upholds the same demeanor and professionalism.

She is outgoing, energetic and always professional. I give my highest recommendation for Uyen as a teaching assistant and tutor. She made a huge impact on me and will leave behind a positive impact wherever she goes. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below.

Best,
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