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RE: Recommendation of Kevin Xiong

Kevin Xiong was my student in two courses, and I was so impressed with him that I told him if he ever needed a letter of recommendation, I would be happy to write it. I now have my opportunity. I want you to know that I do not make this offer very often—only when a student is **quite outstanding**.

Kevin was my student in Fundamentals of Writing and in College Writing, and he was a delight to have in class. While he might not like my using “delight” to describe him, that is what he was. He was very committed to his studies, was extremely positive, and was very respectful. I know he will bring those traits that I valued so much in the classroom to his professional life.

His attendance was exemplary, as was his sense of responsibility and maturity. Simply put, he is fun to have in class, definitely the type of student teachers want more of. Unlike some other students, he takes responsibility for his learning. He’s not in college to goof off and impress his friends with silly antics. He is mature and respectful. Besides that, he’s always ready with a big smile, always willing to participate, and always positive.

Besides being exactly the type of student every teacher hopes for, Kevin did something that I’ve not seen other students do. In both classes Kevin had with me, there was another student who struggled a great deal. Kevin took this young man under his wing and even invited him to be Kevin’s roommate the following year. If it were not for Kevin, this young man would not have been able to be successful in college.

I’ve been at UW-Green Bay since 1985 and have worked with many, many students. After working closely with my students over so many years, I consider myself a good judge of a person’s character and commitment to his or her goals. Kevin is definitely the type of person who will be successful in his career. Whatever he chooses for his future, I know he will be a success.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at TOONENL@UWGB.EDU.

Respectfully,

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