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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been asked to write this letter of reference for Mike Irish.

As a student in the Communications and New Media Studies Program at Southern Maine Community College, Mike has successfully completed courses in Computer Graphics, Web Development, Programming and Animation studies.

I first came to know Mike about two years ago. He has enrolled in many of my Web and Design courses. I am honored to say that he is one of the best students I have had the pleasure of knowing. He is dedicated and committed to his work and he stands out as someone who really wants to participate in his education.

I do not doubt that he knows what he wants and that his efforts are focused on a field that would be lucky to get a hold of his talents. What stands out most for me, is Mike's ability to solve problems. A major component of his coursework has been critical thinking and creative problem solving. He has risen to this task like no other. I personally feel that as a teacher it is my job to facilitate- not dictate. He has the ability to analyze the problem and piece together a more complex solution based on the smaller instructional components.

Mike has discovered, practiced and refined his technical and aesthetic voice because of his own drive and not because he was merely fulfilling the requirements of an assignment. In other words, if he doesn't know the solution right off the bat, you can be guaranteed he knows how to go about finding it!

I highly recommend Mike for any position that he may be pursuing. It's important to recognize when a person is truly dedicated to their work and vision. This is what you have in Mike.

If I can be of any more assistance, please do not hesitate contacting me.

Sincerely,

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