



Wednesday, November 5, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

I have the pleasure to write this letter in recommendation of Derek VanAlthuis. I have known Derek for four years as an undergraduate media and film student at Trinity Christian College. He has taken my classes in video production, audio and editing among many others. During that time I have seen tremendous growth not only in his media skills, but also as a leader and a collaborator. Derek not only excels in his academic work, but does so with creativity, talent and professionalism, three traits that will lead to success far beyond the walls of Trinity. Derek has planned, produced and directed multiple projects related to his classes, and additionally has had the ambition to work on large scale projects outside of class as well: most recently producing and directing several professional videos for our Marketing Department. Each Spring Derek shone as both an entertaining on-air talent and a skilled technical director for Trinity webcasting shows. His audio projects at our annual Media Showcase left the audience awestruck.

As Derek's academic adviser I can also attest to intangibles for success that reach far beyond the classroom and his academic work. He has an exceptional work ethic, and is a reliable leader and collaborator. Most importantly, he brings a personal ethic, integrity and great enthusiasm to everything he approaches that is, frankly, quite rare and refreshing. Derek has innumerable times also helped me teach the basic classes, which is not only invaluable to me as an instructor, but carries on the knowledge he has learned with those in the program coming up behind him.

Derek would make a fine addition to any work or academic environment, and I wholeheartedly recommend him. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Haller-Wade', written in a cursive style.

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