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To Whom It May Concern:

It is a pleasure to write in recommendation of Buddy Williams. I have known Buddy for three years, and have had the opportunity to work with him on a number of occasions. In particular, he volunteered to help organize and present a special program for my Freshman Architectural History class and worked with me for two summers recording Medieval Architecture in France.

I have been impressed by Buddy professionally and personally. He is quick, intelligent, innovative, and responsible. If a problem captures his interest and imagination, he is capable of devoting tremendous energy to seeking a solution or to acquiring expertise that will allow him to solve it. I am thinking in particular of the enthusiasm and thoroughness with which he set about mastering surveying techniques in order to measure and record the Gothic cathedral of Narbonne in southern France. During the first summer he worked with the team responsible for determining the major dimensions of the building and its buttressing system. During the second summer, he helped work out the system of documentation that we currently use, and he was one of two who did most of the translation of triangulated measurements into a working ground plan of the building. He realized the necessity of translating the data on the spot and worked long hours to make certain that it was in a form that can be easily used. I can honestly say that we would not have made the progress that we did this summer without his help.

Personally, Buddy is a catalyst. People are attracted to him. He is dynamic, witty, warm, friendly and outgoing. He does not, however, only draw from people. He gives of himself willingly, making special efforts to draw out people. There is, too, a serious, thoughtful side to him that may not be immediately apparent. One senses that Buddy is constantly growing, learning, absorbing. I can think of very few people with whom I could have worked so easily, or on whom I could depend so completely. Recording historic architecture is tedious and demanding work; Buddy made it enjoyable.

Sincerely,



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